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Minister and more than 120 candidates disclose their opposition to single currency

# Tories rush into ranks of Eurosceptics

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

MORE THAN 120 former Conservative MPs had last night joined the headlong rush to declare their antipathy to a single European currency after being let off the leash by

John Major last week. They include a junior minister who put his job on the line by openly breaching the Government's wait-and-see approach, while a number of other minsters are more covertly letting their constituents know their opposition to mon-

The education minister James Paice - whose Cambridgeshire South East constituency adjoins John Major's was the first minister to nail his colours firmly to the mast. writing in his election address that a single currency would be "a huge step leading inexorably towards political union l do not believe Britain or

Europe is ready for that." The statement means that Mr Major will come under ressure to sack him today. having made clear last week that ministers who broke the line would be dismissed.

A survey by The Times has found that nine other ministers have constituency staff who tell inquirers of their hostility to monetary union even though they stick to the government line in their offical literature. They included Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and William

Hague, the Welsh Secretary.
The former Tory MPs expressing their opposition in campaign literature included Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of

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the backbench 1922 Committee, two former advisers to Mr Clarke - David Ruffley, candidate for Bury St Edmunds, and David Cameron, candidate for Stafford - and most of those with party posts at Conservative Central Office.

The survey shows that much of the Conservative party in the country is standing on a different platform from the Government. But senior ministers - while conceding that the appearance of disunity would be damaging

were privately emphasising the advantages of a large number of Conservative candidates coming out against the single currency.

One said: "It is playing well on the doorsteps. We did not want it to happen like this, but now it is time to make the best of it." The greatest fear among party strategists is of a backlash from the pro-European wing which could throw the campaign into turmoil.

Edwina Currie was quick to remonstrate yesterday, saying: "It's a bit odd if policy is being made by candidates and not by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet."

And the opposition parties had aiready gone on the attack



Campaign leaflet: "Referendum before decision Campaign HQ: "Not in



Leaflet: No reference to single currency HQ: "Privately opposed



MICHAEL ANCRAM

Leaflet: "No diminishing HQ: "Does not want a single currency to happen'



ROGER KNAPMAN

in their traditional dress -

There is no one God but you."

The tragedy was a major

Leaflet: "No more

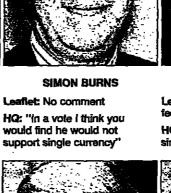
HQ: "Absolutely

erosion of sovereignty

HQ: "No circumstances in near future where he would vote for it'



SIMON BURNS Leaflet: No comment



Leaflet: "Opposes a federal Europe" HQ: "Does not support single currency



JOHN WATTS

Leaflet: None vet Said: "Totally apposed to fudged single currency



**GWILYM JONES** Leaflet: "No to

federal Europe HQ: "Draw your own conclusions'

## **Policy changes** when local **HQs** answer the questions

DOMINIC KENNEDY AND VALERIE ELLIOTT

A SURVEY carried out by The Times has found that ministers are unofficially breaching the Government's wait and see policy in their constituency

Inquiries by Times reporters about the personal views of ministers found that they officially set out the Government's carefully crafted line in

their election literature. But staff working for them in their constituencies campaign freely volunteer the information that their candidates are strongly hostile to a

single currency. Reporters, posing as constit-uents, asked the association officers of 40 ministers whether their election addresses reflected the wait and see line. In the case of nine of them, including two Cabinet Ministers – William Hague and Michael Forsyth - the reporters were told of the ministers'

strong antipathy towards economic and monetary union. Many more officials refused to discuss the European issue and insisted that inquiries should be made with the candidate direct. But the responses revealed that opposition to the single currency is widespread in the ranks of the Government itself and Conservative Party headquarters.

The leading rebels are: William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, has written: "If ever a single currency were to be proposed there should be a referendum of the whole country before a final decision was taken." His office in Northallerton, told a reporter: "It's for your personal use? He is not in favour of a single currency."

Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, makes no reference to the single currency in his election address. "Privately opposed to it," according to his

Michael Ancram, Northern Ireland Minister, says in his election address that he "will not support anything which diminishes our sovereignty". Privately, his campaign head-quarters, said he "does not want" a single currency to happen". Asked if that meant he opposed the abolition of the pound, the reply was: "You may think that. I could not possibly comment.

Sir Paul Beresford, Environment Minister, declined to reveal the contents of his election address which will be

released later this week. Tim Hall, his agent, speaking on the record to The Times. said: "Sir Paul's line is that he does not see any circumstances in the near future where we will join it or where he would vote for it."

Simon Burns, Junior Health Minister, who is defending Chelmsford West, makes no comment about the single currency in his election address. A spokeswoman for his campaign headquarters said: "As a Government Minister he is following the line. He is not one of those Europhiles. In a vote ( think you would find he would not support a single currency. He is a Euro-

Eric Forth, Education and Employment Minister of State, says he "opposes a federal Europe ... [and] any further transfer of powers from Britain to Europe". Unofficial response: "Ask him Continued on page 2, col 6

#### Pound reaches a post-ERM high

The pound surged on the foreign exchange yesterday, rising to its highest level against the German mark since its abrupt departure from the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992.

Shares also rose sharply. with the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closing 35.1 points higher at 4,286.8 Page 20

#### Water companies fear extended tax

considering extending its

Labour is believed to be the entire water industry despite 20 local companies saythe windfall benefits of priva-

planned windfall tax across ing that they have had none of tisation. The companies serve about a quarter of England ... Page 30

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## Hundreds killed in pilgrim camp fires

MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 300 people were killed and 800 injured yesterday when fires raged through two pilgrim camps on the way to

Witnesses described mass panic as flames licked through the closely pitched white tents. driven by fierce winds. Huge palls of smoke

blacked out the sunlight over a camp in the plains of Mena as the emergency services strug-gled to cope. Many of the dead who were mostly Indians. Pakistanis and Bangladeshis - were said to have been crushed in the rush to escape the blaze. Some local reports out the death toll at more than 300, others said that 181 were known to have died.

Suzanne Kassem said: "It

puffs of black smoke. It started spreading in size until the day looked like night. Gas tanks were exploding everywhere like bombs. People were running around. It was mass hysteria. Everyone was run-

after Dame Angela Rumbold.

charge of candidates, declared

her outright opposition to a

single currency. Labour said

the Tories were "plunging into civil war" and the Liberal

Democrats said the party was

breaking up. Tony Blair said Tory minis-

ters would be like "ferrets in a

sack" if the Government were

re-elected, fighting for jobs but

with different views on issues

like Europe. "No-one knows

where the Government

stands. No one even knows

where Government ministers

But Mr Major emphasised

that Dame Angela was in a

different position from mem-

bers of the Government. "Like

every other backbencher she is

entitled to express her views

on an issue which may or may

not come to fruition in un-

known circumstances at an

The number of Tory candi-

dates coming out against the

single currency is expected to

soar over the next few days.

Paul Sykes, the Yorkshire

businessmen helping to fi-nance candidates who are

agianst monetary union, has

so far backed 167 and expects

the figure to go up to 200. The Social Security Secre-

tary Peter Lilley went close to

dismissing the prospects for a

single currency. Asked wheth-

er the could imagine any

circumstances in which he

would vote in favour of it, he

said: "I have such a fertile

imagination I can imagine

almost anything."

unknown time."

stand.

Tory vice-chairman in

ning around like cattle." The fire broke out as some of the two million people on the annual pilgrimage to Mecca were beginning to move en masse towards Mt Arafat. Some witnesses said that it was caused by a gas canisters used for cooking: others blaming faulty wiring in an air conditioning circuit.

As news of the main fire spread, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that a second had broken out in the Iranian encampments on Mt Arafat 12 miles southwest of Mecca. Before the blaze broke out,

100 miles SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi television showed picembarassment for the Saudi tures of many of the pilgrims authorities, who are the pround guardians of the two simple white sheets for men and long white or black robes plus headscarves for world's two holiest Islmaic sites at Mecca and Medina and have spent \$18.6 billion women - carrying umbrellas expanding facilities in Mecca. to protect themselves from the Shortly before the blaze, Saudi officials claimed that they had sun as they made the journey to Mena chanting: "I have been doing their best to ensure answered your call. God. a safe Haj for the pilgrims from some 100 countries.

Every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it is obliged to perform the pilgrimage once. But the Haj has been dogged by tragedy. The worst was seven years ago when 1,426 pilgrims died in an overcrowded tunnel at Mena. probably because of a breakdown of the ventilation system. And in 1994, 270 pilgrims, most of them Indonesian were killed in a stampede in Mecca when the crowd

surged forward uncontrolla-

ritual of "stoning the devil". Fire, hostage-taking, political disturbances and bombings have also taken a huge toll. In 1987 402 people, most of them Iranian pilgrims, were killed and 649 wounded in Mecca when Saudi security

anti-Israel demonstration. The most dramatic incident was in 1979 when several hundred armed men hostile to the conservative Saudi government barricaded themselves inside Mecca's Grand Mosque for two weeks, taking pilgrims hostage. Some 153 people were killed and 560 injured in the fighting.

A year later 301 passengers were killed when a Pakistani jet caught fire after a passenger lit a kerosene stove in an

## Carey rules out Church blessing for gay 'marriages'

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, has made one of his strongest statements on homosexuality. ruling out the possibility of the Church of England sanctioning same-sex relation-

ships among the clergy. Dr Carey, in the final documentary in the Archbishop series, to be broadcast on ITV this Sunday, makes clear that the Church will never bless gay "marriages". He says the Church recognises marriage and celibacy, and nothing in between. "In the 1980s, the issue of homosexuality was just begin-

ning to emerge as a problem for all the churches. With hindsight we can criticise people of that period," he says. "Now we're in a different ball game, and we are saying very clearly to people in the Church that practising homosexuality is not to be condoned in the priesthood."

He says homosexuals can

celibate lifestyle. Challenged

by Peter Williams, the series

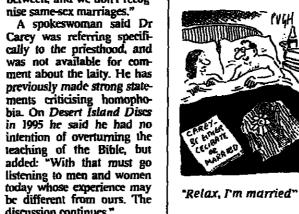
director, on whether this is not like President Clinton saying he smoked marijuana but did not inhale. Dr Carey insists: "Nothing of the sort. Homosexuals are people loved by God, have gifts to offer, but the discipline of the Church has not changed.

"If people think that we're living in limbo now and the Church can't make up its mind, they've got it absolutely wrong. The discipline of the Church is that we recognise be ordained, but should live a two lifestyles. One is marriage and the other is celibacy, and there can't be anything in

between, and we don't recornise same-sex marriages. A spokeswoman said Dr Carey was referring specifically to the priesthood, and was not available for comment about the laity. He has previously made strong statements criticising homophobia. On Desert Island Discs in 1995 he said he had no intention of overturning the teaching of the Bible, but added: "With that must go

listening to men and women

today whose experience may



discussion continues."				
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## Christian Brothers offer public apology to abused pupils

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

THE leader of the Christian Brothers, the order that has generations of Roman Catholics in Ireland, has apologised to pupils who were abused at school.

Hundreds of former pupils have complained of cruelty and sexual abuse at Christian Brothers schools. Yesterday they received a public apology from Brother Edmund Garvey.

Speaking in Drogheda, Co Louth, as he was made a freeman of the town where he grew up, Brother Edmund

said: "People have had nega-tive experiences with the Christian Brothers and schools in the past. I cannot deny that, nor do I want to. For those who did have hurtful experiences, I apologise and ask

Brother Edmund told his audience in Drogheda that the order was determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past. He said that the abuse at Christian Brothers schools was characteristic of Irish society at the time. "Our

Cruelty and sexual abuse in Catholic boys' schools was a reflection of Irish society at the time, a religious order has claimed

Haughey, the former

Taoiseach, Gay Byrne, the broadcaster, and Gerry Ad-

One former pupil, who at-

ams, president of Sinn Fein.

society was in many ways characterised by harshness. by difficulty, at times by cruelty. I think a lot of people suffered it right across society. I'm sorry to say that at times we reflected some of that harshness and cruelty."

The Christian Brothers, founded in 1820 by Ignatius Rice to educate poor Catholics,

harsh regime: "One classmate received 75 slaps of the leather in one day for some minor offence. We recently had a class reunion and his punishwere a dominant force in Irish ment was still the main topic education until the 1960s. The of conversation." boys-only schools had a reput-Another former pupil, who ation for tough discipline. Past attended a school in Newry. pupils include Charles

Co Down, said that some of the teachers had been sexually frustrated: "There was a suspicion about one brother who made boys take his hands. Some of the brothers were very violent, while others were tended a Christian Brothers

school in Synge Street, Dub-lin, in the 1960s, described the

saints who are still revered by their former pupils." A man aged 27 told RTE radio yesterday that he had been raped after school hours by the principal, who looked after him in the evenings while his parents cared for his sick brother.

Brother Edmund's apology is the latest from a senior member of the Catholic Church since evidence began to emerge of widespread sexual and physical abuse by priests. The problem led indirectly to the downfall of Albert Reynolds's Government in

1994: the Labour Party left the coalition after it was disclosed that there had been a sevenmonth delay by the Attorney-General's office in issuing extradition warrants for a paedophile priest.

The furore prompted the Catholic Church to announce a code of practice to discourage child abuse. In a statement in 1994 the bishops said: "Children and their families have been hurt and betrayed by abusive behaviour on the part of a priest. They deserve an apology which we unreservedly offer."

Some priests in Ireland have made out-of-court payments to men who claimed that they were abused as children. The Christian Brothers, which has schools in 26 countries, has paid more than El million to former pupils allegedly abused outside Ireland. No compensation has been paid in Ireland, although a number of complaints about abuse are being investigated. A spokesman said that it

was the order's policy to cooperate with the authorities in the investigation of cases and to apologise.

## Folly at the bottom of Prince's garden enrages architects

BY EMMA WILKINS

A CONFERENCE centre to be built at the bottom of the Prince of Wales's garden in Gloucestershire was condemned by leading designers vesterday as "meaningless, banal and depressing". The Cotswold stone building, where the Prince will hold

charity meetings, combines the worst features of an out-oftown supermarket and a parish hall, architectural experts said. Building work on the Orchard Room, which has the floor space of two tennis courts, will begin later this summer after Cotswold District Council granted planning

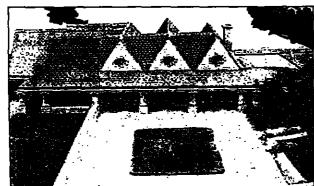
The single-storey building. 100 yards from the main Palladian house on the Prince's Highgrove estate, was designed by Charles Morris, a chartered surveyor from Norfolk, Mr Morris, who was not trained as an architect, said the Prince had collaborated closely with him during the

Paul Finch, editor of The Architects' Journal, disliked the building and the ideas behind it. "The unkind description is that it looks like an unmarket Tesco's, although I think that's being unfair to Tesco as some of the things they are doing are quite good. "It's disappointing that the Prince, as a leading public

figure, has done very little to promote the best of contemporary design in this country unlike Prince Albert who did so much. This building is a sort of 'Arts and Crafts' meets parish hall. It's rather depressing. Graham Cooper, chairman

of the Art and Architecture Society, was similarly unimpressed. This is a banal, depressing design which has more in common with Wimpey homes than anything else. It's a very conservative approach which has not stretched anyone's imagin-"The Prince and his entou-

rage have entrenched themselves in the past, which shows a sign of lack of confidence. This building



A model of the design, dubbed "an upmarket Tesco's"

**Triad spy Marine** 

faces court martial

for shooting a rat

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

should be much smaller. I can understand why some people think it looks like a

The Prince, well known for his views on carbuncles and other modern architectural designs, needs the new building because Highgrove is too small for his official receptions. At present guests are accommodated in marquees in the garden.

Mr Morris was recommended by one of the Prince's architectural advisers. Although he is not a trained architect, he has been designing buildings for 25 years. His previous commissions include work for Rosemary Verey, the gården designer.

Mr Morris, who started work in December after a meeting with the Prince at Sandringham, defended his design. "We are not trying to create a museum piece. It is a country building with ele-

The Orchard Room will have room for 80-100 people for dinner and 200 for less formal receptions. It is equipped with a kitchen and a room for exhibitions of the Prince's watercolours. The cost of the building, estimated at more than £1 million, will be met by the Duchy of Cornwall, from which the Prince rents Highgrove. The new addition will put the ren up, a spokeswoman said.

The Arts and Crafts move ment began in the late 19th century as a revival of traditional craftsmanship. Exponents used traditional building materials and tech-



## Jurors recall trauma of murder trial evidence

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A ROYAL Marine corporal excise officials on the secret who shot a rat while hiding in operation. dense undergrowth to spy on suspected Triads in Hong Lieutenant Commander Emerton said: "Leech turned Kong's New Territories faced to the radio operator and told him. I'm led up with the rat a court martial yesterday for endangering the operation.

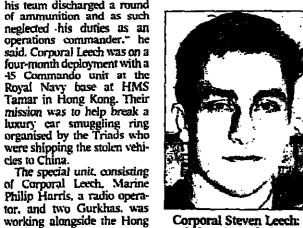
and I'm going to take it out. and then he fired his gun." Corporal Steven Leech told the hearing at HMS Nelson. Portsmouth, that he shot the Corporal Leech, from Hull, denied two charges of neglecting to perform his duties as nine-inch rat with his 9mm Browning to protect himself operations commander and and the three soldiers under failing to report that he had deliberately discharged one live round of 9mm ammunihis command. Lieutenant Commander Mark Emerion. for the prosecution, said that Corporal Leech, 27, had put tion. The fact he had shot a rat was removed from the charge the operation, in August last after two hours of legal "Leech deliberately and

without regard to the safety of

Kong police and customs and

cles to China

The court martial continues today.



Corporal Steven Leech: led spying mission

JURORS who took part in horrific murder trials will tell tonight how they were haunted for months by the harrowing evidence they heard. The men and women, who took part in trials including that of Peter Sutcliffe, the

Yorkshire Ripper, and involv-ing the bludgeoning of a toddler and the violent murder of a mother, describe in a BBC documentary how evidence preyed on their minds. saying that it was exacerbated because they were forbidden to talk about what they heard and saw. One tells how all 12 people sobbed in the jury room and comforted one another after returning a guilty verdict.

The jurors, some of the quarter of a million people summoned annually, cast light for the first time on the impact of such trials. In the programme. Modern Times: urors, David, who sat on a five-week trial in which a newly married couple were shot, says of the guilty verdict: This was the bit they couldn't cope with ... we went into the jurors' room again and everybody was sitting there sobbing ... we were actually in that room for an hour before

Jenny, who served for nine days in a case where a defendant was accused of murdering a mother of two by

we could leave the court."

slashing her throat, said: "1 turned up on the first day a happy, confident, level-headed, outgoing sort of person and within about ten days I'd turned into a complete neryous wreck too frightened to open her own front door."

As jurors had to look at forensic science evidence, she added: "That was really when the reality of it all hit me, and I realised that some, someone had really died, that nothing we could do, whatever the outcome was, it wasn't going to bring her back and it really preved on my mind." David said: "To actually

deal with a murder case and to go through all the emotions

## 'Guilty' call is premature

A juror listening to a drugs case yesterday said to the defendant: "Why don't you plead guilty - you are guilty." The juror. Shane Smyth. 32, of Stevenage. Hertfordshire, was brought before Judge Wilkie QC at Luton Crown Coprt who. before ordering a retrial, told him he had wasted much public money. Mr Smyth told the judge: "The evidence was overwhelming. It was an insult to my intelligence for him that go with that murder case, it's too much." In the trial jurors had to listen to the tape of the wife trying to speak after she had been shot, "It

was like your worst nightmare." he recalled. Ann, who sat on a case in which a 17-year-old had strungled a three-year-old boy and beaten him to death with a golf club. says: "The judge warned us the night before that we would need to look at photos that would distress us and I did lose sleep over that .. it's horrible to have to

think that somebody had

done that to a child," Maggie says of the Strangeways Riot trial: 'It took over my life. One munute you know I'm mopping the kitchen floor and pegging the washing out and the next day I'm sat in the jury box on one of the largest trials in the

North West for years and At one stage the defendants said they would find out where our families lived and we'd be sorry, they'd blow their legs off, a few more choice flowery words in between of course but that was quite frightening.

Since the Rosemary West trial in November 1995, the Lord Chancellor's Department has made court welfare officers available to counsel jurors if necessary.

## **Ministers**

Continued from page 1 and he will tell you: he does not support a single currency."

Roger Knapman government whip, says: "Opposed the treaty of European Union Maastricht treaty and voted for a referendum on it which is why no Referendum Party candidate is standing in the

constituency]. Believes in a Common Market to promote our future prosperity. Will oppose any further erosion of our national sovereignty." Robbie Lester, the party agent, said: "Unofficaly having voted against Maastricht 45 times he would rather resign than support a single currency. He is absolutely opposed. I hope you are not a

reporter? John Watts, the Transport Minister standing in Reading East, has not yet sent out his election address. But he said last night: "I am totally opposed to a fudged single currency and it's the only one on offer.

"My New Year's message to my association was that this election was the second Battle for Britain. In 1940 we were threatened by a foreign power and now its the federal tendencies of our partners," Gwilym Jones, junior Welsh Minister, in his election address says: "I say 'No' to a federal Europe."

There is no mention of his views on a single currency, but privately his office claims he is an original Euro-sceptic and voted against entry to Europe in 1975.

"Draw your own conclusions," said an official

## Milk packs help hunt for missing children

Fear of examinations was blamed yesterday for a big rise in calls from teenage runaways to the National Missing Persons Helpline. The charity is to put photographs of missing children on milk cartons in an effort to reunite more families. Four-pint cartons sold by Iceland will give details of a different missing child every three weeks. The first is Patrick Warren, 12, from Birmingham, missing with his

friend David Graham Spencer since Boxing Day.

The helpline said that children as young as 11 had called saying that they had left home because of school worries. The charity averages 115 calls a day but has been receiving 140 recently. A spokesman said: "The run-up to exams is a time when young people feel under pressure and go missing. We are expecting the figures to keep on going up. The critical ages are 13, 14 and 15."

## 'Poverty' gap widening

One in three children now lives in a home with less than half average income after housing costs, which the Child Poverty Action Group describes as "in poverty". Between 1979 and 1993-94 the number of people falling into that category rose from 5 million (9 per cent of the population) to 13.7 million (25 per cent), including 4.2 million children (32 per cent) up from 1.4 million (10 per cent). In a report yesterday the group said government figures showed that real incomes of the bottom 10 per cent fell by 13 per cent. Average incomes rose by 40 per cent and top 10 per cent incomes rose by 65 per cent.

## Secrecy 'leads to abuse'

A culture of secrecy in care homes is encouraging abuse of children, the elderly and the disabled, according to a report by the whistleblowers' support charity, Public Concern at Work. Calling for a change in the law to protect whistle-blowers, the report cites Frank Beck, the Leicestershire child abuser, Beverly Allitt, the nurse who killed babies, and widespread abuse in North Wales children's homes as examples of cases where staff suspected something was wrong but lacked the courage to report their suspicions.

## Insanity no excuse

Insanity is no defence to a charge of drink-driving, the High Court ruled. Two judges said magistrates at Caistor, Lincolnshire, were wrong in law when they acquitted Michael Harper, of Nafferton, East Riding, after hearing that he was suffering from manic depression. He was found by police "talking gibberish" and displaying "a Walter Mitty nature". Overturning the magistrates' decision, the judges said that driving with excess alcohol was a "strict liability" offence, where criminal intent did not have to be proved.

## Nurse pushed general

Debbie Blaize, 21, denied punching a retired major-general who accused her of taking his taxi. She told Southwark Crown Court that she had been at the head of the Victoria station queue when the general had racially abused her and grabbed her round the neck. She had sworn at him and pushed him away, then he fell. Stuart McDonald, a property valuer in the same queue, said that she had behaved "very aggressively and shouted abuse". The nursery nurse denies actual bodily harm and the trial continues.

## Elizabeth is top girl

Elizabeth Choulerton, 17, has become the first head prefect at King Edward's School, Bath, ending four centuries of male domination at the £4,000-a-year day school, which was founded in 1552. Girls were first allowed in the sixth form in 1986. She holds sway over 45 prefects and eight senior prefects at the 660-pupil senior school. The prefects give out punishments to younger children.



## Youth 'killed in revenge'

Danny Westmacott, 16, was stabbed to death after another teenager took revenge for being beaten in a fight in front of girls, a jury at the Old Bailey heard. The catering student died from a single stab wound as he was attacked inside a north London branch of McDonald's. The court was told that the killers singled out their victim in a attack planned almost like an execution. Three teenagers, aged 16, 17 and 19, denied murdering the student in February last year. The

## Buried in wrong plots

The estranged wife of a gravedigger triggered a council investigation after telling families that their relatives had been buried in the wrong plots. Two women buried in Uphali Cemetery, West Lothian, were laid to rest in the wrong graves between 1990 and 1993, the inquiry found. It has also been claimed that cemetery staff tried to cover up their mistakes by switching headstones. Council officials deny the claim but have offered to exhume the bodies and bury them in their correct plots.

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BI STEWART TENNELS CRIME CORRESPONDING

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hearing It is believed he had the cell area when himself near a dror one of the older grant When challenged in hation officer, he shood to have run through office and hurled through a locked window Newgate Street with made hijs geraway.

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## Nurse 'used insulin to kill partner for his cash'

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A NURSE murdered her common-law husband by injecting him with insulin so she could inherit his property and marry her lover, a court was told yesterday. Marie Whiston, 52, twice

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tried to murder 60-year-old Eric Lloyd by injecting him with a massive overdose, and on the third occasion she succeeded and "almost got away with it", Birmingham Crown Court was told.

Mrs Whiston, who denies murder, had joked with colleagues about the case of Beverly Allitt, the nurse who killed four children, and had told her first husband she could "do away with him" quite easily using insulin and that hobody would be any the wiser, it was alleged.

Anthony Barker, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Lloyd was a lonely man of whom Mrs Whiston had taken advantage when they began a relationship in 1990. The couple had bought a house together in Bordesley Green, Birmingham, but two years later Mrs Whiston started a relationship with another man. Rod Beatty.

Mr Lloyd, who was unaware of the affair, had made a will signing the property over to her. "She was a coldhearted woman who treated him poorly and was unfaithful and deceitful to him. She had another man and she wanted to inherit what money he [Mr Lloyd had and go on her

way." Mr Barker said. The jury of eight men and four women was told that Mrs Whiston worked at Heartlands Hospital, moving to East Birmingham Hospital at

the time of the alleged killing. On the morning of June 11, 1994, she had called a GP to the house and told him she had found her husband dead when she returned from her nightshift. However, the prosecution alleged that she had spent the night with her

Mr Beatty saw her later that day and she did not appear upset, Mr Barker said. "She said she would have to act upset in front of people who knew her and Eric."

After a first post-mortem examination a urine sample showed that the insulin levels in his blood were five times the normal level, so they "stuck out like a sore thumb".

Mrs Whiston had tried to suggest Mr Lloyd had committed suicide, despite there being no bottles of pills near the body, it was said.

Mr Lloyd had already been

admitted to hospital twice in August and September 1991 with low blood-sugar levels. Someone, on two occasions in 1991, had injected this man with insulin so as to cause him to collapse," Mr Barker said. 'She made two failed attempts to kill him by injecting him with insulin and on the third attempt she gave him a cocktail of drugs to perhaps make him drowsy and indeed she almost got away with it."

Robert Whiston, who married her in 1973 but separated from her in 1988, told the court that his wife had threatened him with a similar fate. "She said it is quite easy. Insulin can be absorbed into the blood stream and no-one will know

The trial continues.



## French decide a new McCartney is in fashion

STYLE EDITOR

SIR Paul McCartney's daughter Stella was appointed chief designer at the French fashion house Chloe yesterday, succeeding Karl Lagerfeld.

The announcement took the fashion world by surprise. McCartney, 25, who graduated from Central St Martin's College of Fashion in September 1995, has designed just three commercial collections. She said: "It's mad after being out of college for a year and a half. I wasn't even aware they were looking for a new designer."

McCartney is the third Briton to be appointed to a big French fashion house in less than a year. Last October it was announced that John Galliano, 36, would move to Christian Dior and that Alexander McQueen, 28, would head Givenchy.

McCartney was unaware that Mounir Moufarrige, Chloe's president, had seen two of her collections: "He came to the showroom, but I didn't know where he was

M Moufarrige said: "Tal-ent was the thing. Is there an age for that? You either have talent or you don't, you either have creativity or you don't. I think she will surprise us all very positively."

McCartney's willingness to give up her own label collec-tion — Galliano and McQueen retain theirs - also appears to have swung the balance. He said: "We wanted a designer who would be exclusive, full-time, and develop the product."

Lagerfeld, now 58, was at a creative peak when he designed for Chloe in the 1970s. He left in 1983, but returned in 1992. In March he announced that he was stepping down to concentrate on his collections for Chanel and his



Fashion show from her last college year

own label. McCartney went to work for Christian Lacroix in Paris at the age of 15. She graduated from St Martins amid a blaze of publicity, with Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss - both friends modelling in her end-of-year

After a stint with a Savile Row tailor she launched her own collection, based on vintage and antique clothing. Although the name has undoubtedly helped, fashion insiders are insistent that she has real talent. Lisa Armstrong, the fashion features director of Vogue, said: "Chloe has been a feminine, bohemian, hippy deluxe label. Stella does very pretty clothes with a Notting Hill bohemian feel. There's a

whole youth quake going on."
Sir Paul said: "It is a big ioh, but I am sure she's more than equal to the task. All of her family are very proud of

## Son made 'ghost' calls to get money out of mother

AN AVARICIOUS son pre tended to be the ghost of his . dead father to get his hands on the family fortune, a court was told yesterday. John McKen-na. 41, made eerie wailing noises down the telephone to his stepmother in an attempt

The widow, Freda McKenna. 62, then had a call imper-sonating the voice of her late husband intoning: "It's Louis here. When are you going to

carry out my wishes?" Magistrates heard that there was a bitter family dispute after Louis McKenna died 18 months ago. His widow was left the "lion's share" of his £60,000 estate.

David Martin, for the prosecution, said: "Mr Mckenna left a third of his estate to his wife. Two ninths were left to their daughter, with the four children from his first marriage, including the defendant, each getting a ninth. As a result a dispute arose between Mrs McKenna and her four stepchildren."

Mr Martin said Mrs Mc-Kenna received a number of telephone calls at her home in Buckley, Clwyd. He said: "In one of the calls she could hear " a ghostly wailing sound in the background. She recognised it as the voice of her stepson."

Mrs McKenna told the court: "I was very, very upset. My husband had only died about four months earlier and ... I was still in shock."

Magistrates at Mold were told that the voice claiming to be the late Mr McKenna 🗥 belonged to a "mystery man" whom the son son refused to name to police. The calls to Mrs McKenna were traced to her stepson's mobile phone.

McKenna, of Buckley, was found guilty of making nuisance calls, given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £75 costs.

## Suspected rapist slips **Old Bailey** security net

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN accused of rape escaped from the Old Bailey yesterday, diving through a locked glass window after evading armed police patrols. closed-circuit television cameras and other sophisticated

The 20-year-old man slipped from the cell where he was waiting to be called for trial. He had been taken to the court building yesterday morning on a bench warrant after having failed to appear in February for a pre-trial

hearing.
It is believed he had been in the cell area when he found himself near a door leading to one of the older ground-floor

When challenged by a pro-bation officer, he is understood to have run through an office and hurled himself through a locked window into Newgate Street, where he made his getaway.

Only one other accused has escaped from the premier court in the English criminal justice system in recent

Security is currently at a very high level because of the trial of eight men accused of plotting an IRA attack on London's electricity supply. but it appeared yesterday that someone forgot to close the door of the escaper's cell after

## Mormon bishop 'assaulted six women believers'

By Russell Jenkins

SIX women worshippers were sexually assaulted over 21 years by a Mormon bishop whom they were urged to regard as a father figure, a court was told yesterday.

Peter Gibson, 72, would regularly molest members of his Liverpool chapel and occasionally attempt to stuff money into their underwear, it was claimed. A 20-year-old woman was invited into his bedroom on the pretext of looking at his "Sound of Music bed", a reference to its use as a prop in an amateur musical production, Liverpool Crown Court was told.

When detectives confronted Gibson about the allegations, he said that had been merely expressing his love and concern for the women in his



Gibson: said he was expressing his love

flock. Gibson, of Roby, Liverpool, Merseyside, denies 25 charges of indecent assault spanning 21 years to December 1994. Some of the charges are specimen charges relating

to systematic abuse. Six of the alleged victims, aged 17 to 42, had been baptised into the Mormon faith. A seventh was aged just eight when he started to indecently assault her, it was

Mark Brown, prosecuting. told the court that Gibson, a married man, joined the Utahhased Church of the Latter Day Saints in about 1957, and attended the Mill Bank Chapel. Stonevcroft, Liverpool.

He would put his arm around female parishioners. brazenly squeezing their breasts, often in the presence of others. Mr Brown said that Gibson touched the breasts of one of the women and the young girl when she was 12, and tucked a £5 note into their bras afterwards. He was said to have assault-

ed two women during interviews at his chapel office. With one, he moved his hands up her thighs, kissed her on the mouth, and pressed his body against her. Mr Brown said: "She did not know what to do. She decided to ignore it and keep away from Mr Gibson. She didn't think if she complained that anyone would listen." The trial continues.

## School up before the beak after pet duck nearly dies

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

pet was almost a dead duck when the cleaner who was looking after her went on Magistrates in Bracknell, Berkshire, were told yesterday how the bird was found without food or - clean water in the middle of the summer break.

POLLY the primary school

Rita Cassese, who has since resigned from The Pines Infant School in Bracknell, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to a domestic duck. She was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £100 costs. The school governors were in emergency session last night after the presiding magistrate said the school should keep

no more pets unless it could look after them properly. Liz Wheeler, RSPCA in-

spector called to The Pines last August, said: "We were told that the duck was part of the children's curriculum. The only education they would have got from her is how to neglect a duck."

Polly has since been found a good home after being nursed back to health by RSPCA officials. But 13 days into last summer's holiday she was deserted and "signifi-

cantly underweight". Philip Day, prosecuting for the RSPCA, showed magistrates a video of the area near the back of the school building where the cross-bred bird

had its pen. The film showed numerous rolling eggs and a dead wood pigeon covered in maggots and floating in a

Mr Day said that 54-year-old Cassese, of Dryden, Bracknell, had agreed to feed the duck as usual over the summer holiday, although she was not paid to do so and it was not part of her job specification. "The prosecution case is that she did not and that she just ignored it."

Michael Davies, for the defence, said that the duck had probably been underfed for considerably longer than the two weeks of summer holiday before the RSPCA



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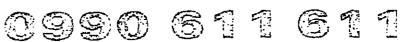


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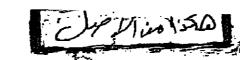
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## Shy Cantona misses his elevation to Renaissance Man

ERIC CANTONA refused yes terday to be photographed under a giant canvas depicting him as a Christ-like figure. The enigmatic Manchester United footballer was behaving to type as he dodged photogra-phers at the official unveiling of the oil portrait at the Manchester City Art Gallery.

The painting owes much to two works of the Italian Renaissance. Cantona and an array of dozing team-mates are taken from Piero della Francesca's Resurrection of Christ, of 1459, showing Christ emerging from the tomb. The background is taken from a painting by Andrea Mantegna showing Julius Caesar's triumphant return to Rome after his foreign victories. In place of Caesar sits Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, on an elaborate chariot. holding a palm as a traditional symbol of victory. Behind him is John Curtis, the youth team coach. As Roman soldiers beneath Cantona are Phil Neville, David Beckham, Nicky Butt and Gary Neville.

Whether Cantona was emharrassed to be portrayed as a modern-day Christ, complete with the banner of the Resurrection, or was simply too shy, he was not letting on. He certainly likes the painting, called The Art of the Game, by the Manchester artist Michael Browne, 34. He agreed to pose for photographs after meeting the artist at a city centre restaurant; he collaborated on the project and has bought it at a price believed to be between

£50,000 to £100,000. The painting will hang in the City Art Gallery for several weeks before heading for an



Browne: influenced by Renaissance paintings

unknown destination. The artist said it was not destined to be hung at the house Cantona rents from the Chelsea striker Mark Hughes at Prestbury. Cheshire.

Mr Ferguson brought tens of millions of pounds worth of footballing talent with him to the unveiling, but he still had to apologise for the absent Cantona. "Eric did not want to be photographed with it," he said. "He thinks it is a private arrangement and he wants to adhere to that. So you'll have to make do with myself and the other players. I am delighted to be here with my young players, who are slightly embarrassed to see their faces painted in such magnitude."

The artist, who once painted a detail of the Sistine Chapel on the ceiling of a Manchester restaurant, said he was not presenting Cantona as a Christ figure. It was more a comment on the modern na-

Browne said the painting was his idea, but he had found Cantona enthusiastic. He took photographs of the player, rather than asking him to

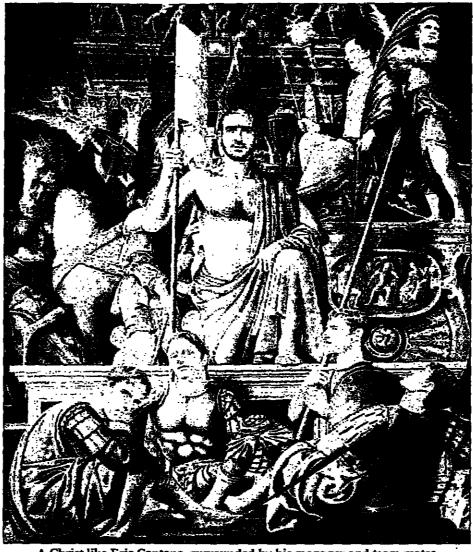
kind of art. The painting is a way of reflecting heroes of today in the grand way it was done in the past." Mr Ferguson, looking

slightly bemused to have fallen among art critics, suggested that the Resurrection was Cantona's triumphant battle over his dark side after. kicking a spectator in the terraces. "I don't feel uncomfortable with it. The guy has dedicated himself for a whole vear to do this and I think it is a great job of work. The theme is that supporters can look on footballers as their idols ... It is a modern image of football." Gary Neville, shown on the

Cantona's feet, said: "If there is any criticism, people are looking too much into it. It is just a painting." The Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Christopher

far right of the group at

Mayfield, said he did not find the painting offensive, "This is a humorous painting which should be taken at face value.



A Christ-like Eric Cantona, surrounded by his manager and team-mates

## Art of flattery has a noble history

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

SINCE the time of the Pharaphs, men and women who could never be described as oil paintings have commissioned portraits that flatter

Few, however, want anything approaching the deified image of Eric Cantona. Most request only a good likeness and an informal pose. "But they want posterity to remember them at their best," said Daphne Todd, president of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. "Unless you flatter them, they are quite worried by the result. We all see ourselves as 20 years younger than we are."

While Cantona's depiction on canvas is unusual, it is not unique. The actor Stephen Fry had his portrait painted by Maggi Hambling in the image of his hero. Oscar Wilde, Ms Todd, noting how the tradition extended back over centuries, said: "Reynolds did it all the time. It was the vogue for members of the aristocracy to be portrayed as shepherdesses and goddesses. He had a pattern book. People could choose the scene

She recalled painting a

scientist who was in her late forties: "She had been a bunny girl and saw herself as a femme fatale. She felt that I'd made her look like her mother. I knew her as an academic, but she really wanted to be alluring and desirable."

Elizabeth I would have understood. She insisted that her age never showed in her portraits. Accordingly, her pockmarked face was unblemished on canvas. Oliver Cromwell was different he ordered that his portrait should not flatter him. The artist was told to include "all these ... pimples, warts and everything as you see me; otherwise I never will pay a

farthing for it". People pay an average of £10,000 a portrait, but prices range from £3,000 to more than £30,000. The most outrageous portraits have generally been unsolicited and found little favour with their sitters. The Queen declined Michael Burke's portrait of her and the Queen Mother astride a motorbike, and Edwina Currie was unimpressed by his portrait of her in stockings and suspenders, holding a whip.

## Greek heroes did not decline to conjugate with the barbarians

BY PHILIP HOWARD

RACE and sex are hot modern topics in classical studies. Yesterday the Classical Association conference at the Royal Holloway College, London, discussed kissing the barbarian.

Did ancient Greeks intermarry with foreigners? If they were like their modern descendants, this seems certain. The ancient patriotic and xenophoric foundation myths are regainst it, but modern schol-

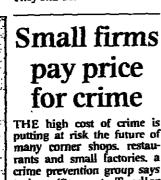
arship thinks otherwise. Greeks colonised southern Italy and Sicily from the 8th century BC, forced west by poverty and overcrowding on their barren homeland. From their graves, archaeologists are now beginning to work out

what they were like. Tamar Hodos of Keble College, Oxford, has been examining the fibulae of brooches used to fasten women's robes in front. And the fibulae buried with their owners come from mainland Italy, not Greece. The colonists imported many other crafts from home, but not these brooches. There was an old common market in metalworking between Italy and Sicily. So the presence of these Italian brooches suggests that Greek men were sleeping with the enemy. In their new world, the colonists found wives and the brooches came with them. Another old foundation

myth has the colonists killing the natives and taking their women. So runs the story of Rome and the Sabine women. But did the founders of Milerus really kill the local men to marry their women? Herodotus said so.

Alan Greaves, from Leeds University, discussed the latest evidence from Turkey. It indicates a strong native presence from the beginning at Miletus. And when Miletus founded its own colonies on the Black Sea, women played a prominent part in the adventure. They were highly valued as colonists. The legendary method of getting wives was not used then.

The war between the sexes was fought 28 centuries ago as now. Underneath the rhetoric and myths, the enemies still jumped into bed together. They still do.



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## Small firms pay price for crime

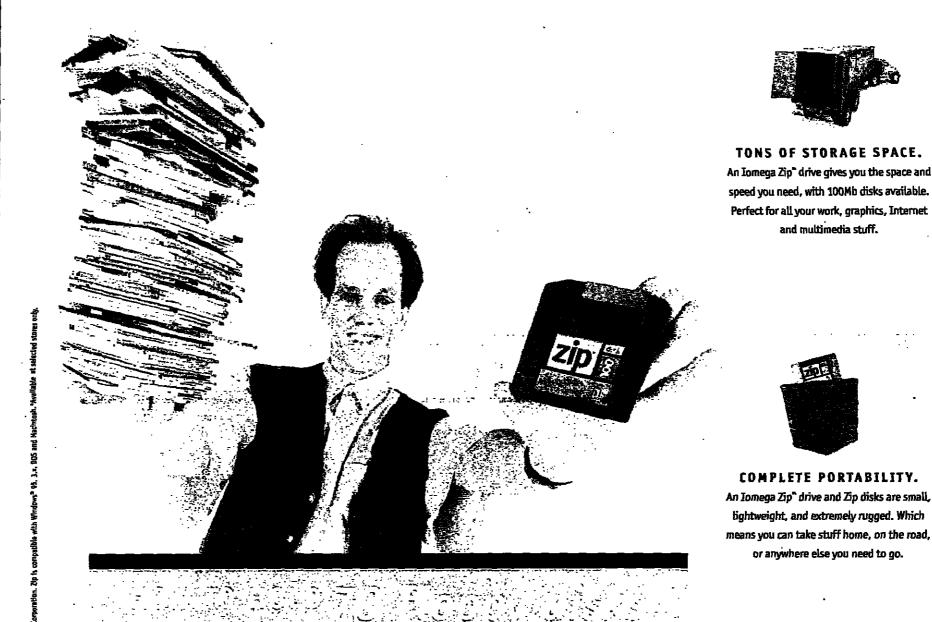
many corner shops, restaurants and small factories, a crime prevention group says today (Stewart Tendler writes). Crime Concern estimates that burglary, robbery and violence now cost small businesses £3.2 billion a year.

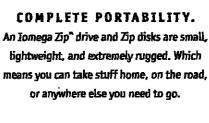
The group's research, based on a survey of 1,000 businesses in Leicester, suggests that small businesses are more at risk than homes and that 75 per cent of small businesses experience crime each year.

A business that had been attacked once could expect four more crimes in that year. Repeated attacks and losses put many at risk, says Crime Concern. Two thirds of small firms were one-man companies, which were very susceptible to market pressures.

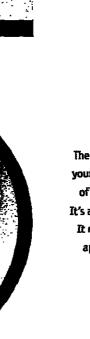
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Silver being sold at Sotheby's in May and June is from the private homes of the Earls of Warwick and not as a headline wrongly suggested yesterday, from Warwick Castle, owned by the Tussauds Group.





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## Girl, 6, puts cancer behind her with reverse leg surgery

By PAUL WILKINSON

SURGEONS have saved the life of a six-year-old girl with a rare operation that involved turning her leg back to front. Sarah Dowson faced a painful and early death after doctors found a malignant

cancer developing in her left thigh. The operation, known as a rotation plasty, involved cutting out the afflicted bone and rebuilding the leg. using the lower part to replace the thigh, and turning the leg through 180 degrees. Her ankle is now her knee and her calf muscle is her thigh.

Doctors fitted an artificial lower limb so that Sarah could walk again; she has already thrown away the stick she used to get about the family home in Peterlee, Co Durham. Janet Dowson, her mother, said yesterday: "She says she wants to be a normal little girl and normal little girls don't

She added: "We are amazed by what they have done. If they had not been able to pioneer this surgery it would have meant losing her whole leg and having a big strap-on

Sarah has been incredibly brave. Sometimes the courage she has shown amazes me; her outlook on life is always full of hope. She can be an inspiration to other children who are

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THE ROTATION



Sarah: she has thrown away her walking stick

ill because of the way she has coped at such a young age." The operation, which lasted

almost eight hours, was carried out by a team of surgeons led by Joe Pooley at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne. Mr Pooley cut away the girl's diseased thigh bone to below her knee, leaving her calf still attached to the nerves and blood vessels above. He then turned the bottom part of the leg so that her foot was facing backwards and grafted it back below the

hip so that the ankle was to walk again. Mr Pooley said: "The good

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Mrs Dowson, 33, and her husband, Ray, 37, a furniture factory worker, have three other children, Raymond, 13, Rebecca, 12, and Adam, 8. Earlier this year 50 regulars at Buzz nightclub in Hartlepool had a sponsored headshave to raise money for the Sargent Cancer Fund for Children in Sarah's honour, and in August she will be the first

foot is still in place, tucked into the top of the false lower leg which enables her to move the bottom half of her leg in a normal walking motion.

The operation was performed on August 27 after a series of bone scans, a small operation to determine the size of the tumour, and chemotherapy. Mrs Dowson said: "She is recovering brilliantly, though she still needs regular checks and goes to hospital once a month for X-rays.

We thought after it was over we would be given the allclear, but they can't guarantee won't come back. Some days she gets depressed and says she wants her own leg back, but usually she copes verv well.

"It is her seventh birthday on Sunday and we are having a big birthday party for her. It has been quite a year for her and quite an ordeal, so it will be a special day because she

Mr Pooley said that the rotation technique was rarely used in Britain and that Sarah's tumour was more often seen in people aged between 10 and 20. He said there was only one realistic alternative to the complex operation, which was to amputate her leg at the thigh and replace it with a larger false limb, but that would have meant Sarah having to learn

thing about rotation is that patients don't feel as though they have lost a limb. Patients like Sarah are a shining example of what can be achieved with this process. Her family were absolutely brilliant; they have made Sarah feel a very special

mascot at Sunderland Football Club's new stadium.



Chris Moon waves across the desert in the searing heat. He said: "This shows that the only limits we have are those we put on ourselves

## Tears of joy for Sahara runner who showed how to win in 283rd place

RUNNERS resting at the finish line cried when they saw him approaching. Chris Moon, who lost his right arm and leg in a landmine blast two years ago, had completed a 143-mile Sahara marathon. Every agonising step defied the doctors who told him he would never run again.

He carried a Union Jack streaming behind him from his rucksack for the final steps of the world's toughest foot race. The British team captain, Chris Hutchison, said: "What a sight lt brought tears to my eyes.

Mr Moon said: "I was told that it wasn't possible to get this far on a false limb. To me, this shows that the only limits we have are those we put on ourselves.'

The former soldier, wounded in Mozambique while mine-clearing, was 283rd out of 343 finishers in the Marathon des Sables, with a total

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A disabled Briton has completed the world's toughest race. Matthew Benns followed his progress across Morocco

time of 47 hours, 46 minutes. But as the other exhausted, blistered runners applauded him at the finishing line, his position didn't matter. He had

on anyway. He entered the marathon, in Morocco, to raise £100,000 for an International Committee of the Red Cross false-limb rogramme in Vietnam. From the start, Mr Moon, 34, said: "Failure is not an option for me. Every step I take helps raise money to help other mine victims and beats my own disability. It also pushes back the barriers of what is possible for people with false

limbs." By day three, in the dune section of the seven-day event. ten of the 358 tunners had dropped out. Another five would quit before the finish. Scores more were rehydrated with saline drips and none had a foot without blisters. The dunes were up to 200 metres high and temperatures

reached 40C. Many runners were forced to their knees in despair, the weight of their packs also bringing up blisters on their backs. Mary Gadams, the American who came second

year, sat in the sand and cried. She pulled out of the race.

An exhausted Mr Moon cooked himself a survival pack meal on the tiny stove in his rucksack, slept on the sand and rested for the next stage, a 50-mile yomp: He said: "My biggest fear has been my stump shredding in the sand. but I have overcome that by stopping and massaging it every hour or so."

He finished the yomp after hours, at 5.30 in the morning, with a whoop that woke the entire camp. He said: "Each day the desert

having to learn how to walk on it before I can get going. But when you look around you, the desert is beautiful. We ran across a dry lake bed that seemed to shimmer so it looked as though you were just walking into infinity." In Britain, runners were

preparing for the London Marathon which Mr Moon ran last year. In the Sahara. contestants were getting ready to run the same distance over rocks. Mr Moon's left foot was covered with blisters, and there was one the size of a 50p piece on his stump, which swelled and

shrank with the heat The former Royal Marine police officer made a joke about a former schoolfriend. the actor Raiph Fiennes: Look at Ralph Fiennes in

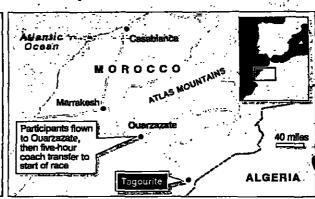
The English Patient when he comes in saying he has walked for three days in the desert. What a wimp — only

three days."
Organiser Patrick Bauer said: "Chris is an extraordinary man. He is running for everyone who has disabilities like him. He is very fit, but he is really doing this race on sheer willpower.

On the seventh and final day, he completed a 13-mile dash to cross the finishing line. The fastest competitor had been Lahcen Ahansal. from Morocco, with 17 hours 19 minutes. The fastest Briton was Laurence Williams, of the Royal Engineers, in twentysixth place with 23 hours 28

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Mr Moon and the desert heartland of Morocco. The race is centred on Tagourite

## Sheep farmers urged to save endangered grouse

INTENSIVE sheep farming is pushing the black grouse in England and Wales towards extinction, scientists and conservationists said yesterday as they launched a ten-year scheme to reverse the bird's rapid decline.

Artificial winter feeding of sheep and sharp increases in the numbers of lambs being born on the moors, encouraged by agriculture subsidies. are destroying the heather moorland habitat on which the grouse thrive. Numbers in the Pennines, the birds' last home in England, have halved in the past seven to eight years to around 500 males; the annual decrease is running at

Sheep farmers and landowners are paid about £25 for every sheep they take off the moor under a so-called agrienvironment Scheme. But the Ministry of Agriculture pays them nearly 30 per cent more, or up to £35 per sheep, to keep them there. Dr David Baines, of the

Game Conservancy Trust, "The percentage of lambs is going up. There is also a lot more feeding of

sheep on the hill in winter. This causes problems, it concentrates sheep into particular areas, usually the edge of the moorland, where the black grouse like to live. And when the sheep have eaten the supplementary food they eat the heather." Black grouse need young, nutrious heather

tips to survive. Under the North Pennine Grouse Recovery Project,the trust, English Nature, the Government's wildlife advisers, the Ministry of Defence, which owns land in the Pennines used as shooting ranges. and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds are setting



Black grouse: males are down to 500

up a number of demonstration conservation areas. They are being centred on MoD ranges at Catterick, Otterburn and Warcop, as well as at an RAF range at Spadeadam. Landowners and tenant farmers are to be asked to forgo agricultural payments for sheep in favour of heather conservation grants. Dr Baines said the first aim was

double numbers to 1,000 males over ten years. John Barrett, senior conservation officer with English Nature's Northumbria team. said: "The black grouse is a species which is an excellent ndicator of habitat quality. Its decline in numbers and distribution in the North of England is a clear indication that not is all well with black

to halt the decline and then

grouse habitat," Campaigners on the South Downs, where a farmer started to plough a site of special scientific interest to plant flax, lobbled Tony Blair at Sussex University yester-day, urging him, if Labour won the election, to end subsidy anomalies that favour farmers over wildlife.

## Pony joins growing legion of rare breeds

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A RARE pony found only in the British Isles is being singled out by conservationists to win more public sup-port for breeding programmes to save native livestock from extinction.

The Eriskay pony, originally from the Western Isles, is down to a hundred breeding mares and has joined nearly n0 other types of cattle, sheep. pigs, horses, goats and poultry under the protection of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

Lawrence Alderson, director of the trust, said: "It is vital that we maintain the genetic diversity of our domesticated animals. It is a sad fact that many of our native livestock are now rare."

At a press conference yester-day in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace, the trust, a charity founded in 1973. launched a recruitment drive aimed at increasing member-ship from 9,000 to 25,000 by

the year 2000. Since 1900 more than 20 breeds of British farm animals have become extinct.

#### Feather test for poachers and we'll give you the figures for your home phone bill. FEATHERS are being collect- and other agencies to detered from hirds of prey to

convict poachers who trade in them illegally. The leathers will be used to create a DNA database which can identify whether the birds have been bred in captivity or taken from

The DNA genetic fingerprint is singular to each bird and can also indicate its parentage, enabling police

mine its origin. Possession of a bird taken in the wild is an offence, but until now suspects can escape prosecution by claiming that the birds were born legally in captivity.

The system, being tested in large areas of upland northern England, will be extended to the rest of the country as soon as possible if it



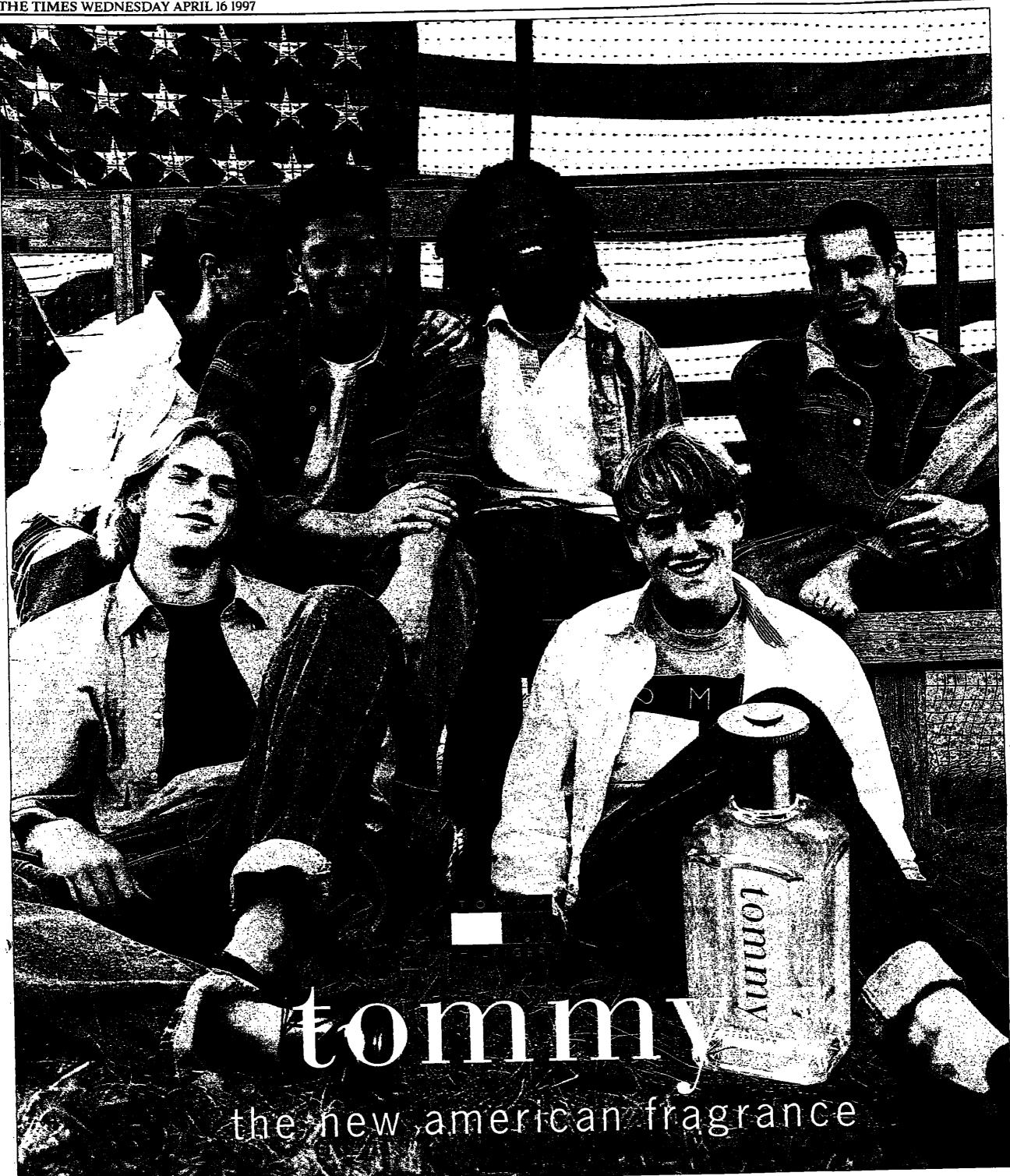
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## **HOME NEWS**

## Dieting mothers pass on heavy burden to girls

MOTHERS who diet make their daughters eat less, researchers have found. A survey of 400 12-year-old-girls shows that those who eat fewer meals or snacks have mothers who started dieting from a young age and who have gone on frequent diets

Dr Helen Edmunds and Dr Andrew Hill, of Leeds University School of Medicine, asked the state school girls and their mothers to fill out auestionnaires about their eating habits. The answers showed that the girls who scored highly on dietary restraint tended to be heavier despite eating less. were more liable to fast and had a lower self-esteem.

They also reported significantly more parental control of their diets, especially where overeating was concerned. than girls who tended to eat what they liked. The mothers of the dieting girls confirmed that they exerted a high degree of control over their children's eating. They admitted, too. that they began dieting when young and continued to do so more frequently than other mothers of a similar weight.

The report, which was presented yesterday to the Third London International Conference on Eating Disorders, parents must recognise their influence on children's diets and must therefore give them sensible advice.

Another study in Arkansas found that adolescents with eating disorders had difficulty with family relationships. Parents of these patients can also have a difficult time separating their child from the eating disorder and can often come across as blaming and overly critical," the study says.
In another report, the Leeds

team asked 314 girls aged just under ten which three classmates they liked most and which ones they felt were most attractive. They found that girls who ate sparingly, but were heavier than their peers. were significantly less popular and were judged to be less attractive than girls who ate what they liked. In two thirds of cases, popular girls were also thought to be attractive. These findings highlight the social isolation of girls who tend to be heavier than their

peers," the report says. However, Dr Kelly Vitousek, of the University of Hawaii, told the conference that peer pressure could be a "Fourteen-year-old girls can come to the conclusion that they make more friends, form closer ties with their teacher, achieve higher grades and more celebrated accomplishments if they skip lunch," she said. Isolated girls were often the most vulnerable to anorexia.

Another study in Mel-bourne, Australia, found that "fat talk" was a main topic among schoolgirls and increased significantly as they grew older. The girls told the researchers that "body comparison" between them and fashion models was common and led them to consider or

initiate dieting.

The quest for perfectionism appears to be one of the driving factors in eating disorders. A study in Vancouver, Canada, found women suffering from anorexia nervosa had fai higher standards than normal people or those suffering from other psychiatric conditions. Early identification of perfectionism among young girls might give an early warning of an eating disorder.

Opening the conference, Dr Bryan Lask, of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, questioned the modern fixation with weight and shape, "We can be over-preoccupied with that," he said. "There are three billion women in the world who don't look like models and only eight who do. Yet all the media attention is



#### Patient misses sporting Nicky Welsh, a cystic fibrosis patient, counting up her daily intake of pills with Diana, Princess of Wales, at London's chance on royal visit Royal Brompton Hospital yesterday. Mrs Welsh, 29, a keen

my mind. The Princess has a very calming influence, but I must have been concentrating on showing her my wedding photographs. She cuddled me and said I was shaking like a leaf." The Princess agreed to visit the hospital to publicise the plight of cystic fibrosis sufferers. Mrs Welsh is wait-

ing for a heart and lung transplant by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. In the meantime she has to take 69 tablets a day with two insulin injections and other medicine. Professor Yacoub was unable to meet the Princess as he was in the Roval delayed Brompton's operating theatre.

"He had an extremely complex case," a hospital spokes-woman said. The Princess perched on Mrs Welsh's bed "If she'd sat on the white one. which is cardiac arrest, every-

to look at the wedding pictures and set off an alarm. A nurse found that the Princess had sat on the patient's red call button. one would have come running," Mrs Welsh said. Later the Princess visited a chil-dren's ward, where she met 12 patients with the inherited disease.

Family sues over school race abuse

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A young girl was so humiliated by racist playground taunts that she put takum powder on her face to lighten her skin, her mother said. Katie Jarvie, 10, whose father is Afro-Caribbean said she wished she was dead after enduring is months of abuse.

Linda Jarvie, 28, of Muir of Ord, is suing Highland council for £20,000, claiming that teachers at Tarradale primary school did not implement the Race Relations Act and failed to stop the bullying.

#### Funeral for Zoe

Zoe Evans, the nine-year-old found murdered near Warminster, Wiltshire, in February, was buried after a funeral service at the town's Minster, attended by hundreds of mourners. Her stepfather, Miles Evans, 23, has been charged with her murder.

Tarantula legs it

A tarantula the size of an adult's hand has probably died from cold after giving its owner the slip while being exercised in woods at Weymouth. London Zoo said: Our sympathies should be with the spider. It is unlikely

#### Re-released

The press release written for Paul McCartney after the murestimated to fetch £15,000 at Christie's on May 29. The statement, with amendments by McCartney, said: "John was a great man who will be sadly missed by the world."

## Guard dog stolen

A Staffordshire bull terrier bought as a guard dog has been stolen by burglars from a home in Gravesend, Kent. They also took clothes, money and seven-month-old Arnie's lead, but they left behind a television and a video

#### Peacock attack

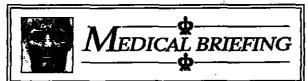
A peacock that attacked a four-year-old boy at a garden centre has been put down. Gregory Beck was pecked by the bird on his forehead and shoulders when visiting Fontley Nurseries at Titchfield, near Fareham, Hampshire, with his parents.

## The problems when a baby is very big news

THE ideal weight for a baby is probably between 712 and 8lbs. Too little and they are ease in later life; too heavy and, without a Caesarian delivery, mother and child may both suffer at the birth.

Thanks to modern midwifery, Reece Curson Thompson has been delivered weighing 14lbs in Consett, Co Durham. He comes from a family of large babies; his elder sister was 9lb 3oz, his brother 12lb 3oz and his younger sister 111b

Once an ultrasound has warned the doctor that a baby is likely to be more than 10th or less, in some cases — a



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Caesarean section is usually the preferred option for the mother. Delivery of Reece's head might have been possible, but would probably have resulted in unacceptable lacerations and tears to his mother. Delivering the shoulders can be more tricky. Shoulder dystocia - shoul-

ders jammed in the pelvis - is damaging to the mother and, even if the baby is not asphyxiated, it can result in serious injuries to the child's central or peripheral nervous system. The usual technique to deliver a baby after shoulder dystocia is to put two fingers under each of the baby's armpits.

place his or her feet against the end of the bed, to pull with the weight at their As the baby is delivered its

football supporter, had hoped

to ask the Princess for help to

obtain Cup Final tickets - but

forgot to ask. "My husband and his family are mad Chelsea fans, and I was going

to ask if she could get six tickets," she said. I was

concentrating so much on

everything else that it slipped

colour, one always prays, will change from purple to pink as it utters a first grateful cry. Too often, however, damage is done to the nerves leading to the arms. In other cases, too vigorous a tug misapplied to the head can dislocate the neck. Shoulder dystocia is a common cause for claims for damages. Unfortunately, even with ultrasound and a CT scan, its likelihood cannot

always be predicted. Having a large baby can be

imbalance which causes babies to be so large as to vie for the record books can be a harbinger of problems with glucose metabolism. Research many years ago suggested that as many as 30 per cent of mothers who had a baby over 10lb might develop

she is at risk of developing

diabetes later. The hormona

In the past, poorly controlled diabetic mothers tended to produce very large, very unhealthy, babies. Fortunate ly modern treatment makes this hazard unlikely.

## Transplants wrong, parents tell court

By RICHARD DUCE

A MOTHER whose baby son was left brain-damaged after a heart operation would rather die than undergo similar transplant surgery, the High Court was told yesterday. Linda Poynter, 38, believes

transplants to be wrong on religious grounds, and said that she agreed to a new heart for 16-month-old Matthew because doctors at Harefield Hospital pressured her and her husband, Kevin. She said: Sometimes with medical Letters, page 23 things we do overstep the

mark. It is the same with

sheep-cloning."
The couple, both vegetarians, from Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, are suing Hillingdon Health Authority over the 1987 operation by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. They said they were not told of the risk of brain damage.

Rosemary Radley-Smith, a consultant cardiologist who treated Matthew, conceded that she gave no such advice, because the possibility was assessed at less than I per cent. The risk was now made clear. The case continues.

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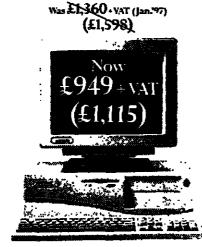
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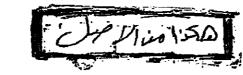
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The sun is out and in a couple of weeks the Tories will be out, Labour leader promises the crowd

## We are going to win, confident Blair announces

By James Landale and Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR let his confidence get the better of him yesterday and predicted for the first time that Labour would win the election.

The Labour leader, who styles himself the "eternal warrior against complacency". usually refuses to admit that he is heading for an election victory. He fears that Labour supporters will not bother to vote if they feel the May I poll will result in a

But as Mr Blair arrived yesterday for a walkabout in Crawley. West Sussex, he bluntly told the crowd: "The sun is out and in a couple of weeks the Tories will be out."

Mr Blair's unqualified remarks reflect his increasing confidence as the Tories fail to make much headway in the opinion polls. He is convinced that his new strategy of painting Labour as the only party with a positive agenda will have a strong impact on voters distilusioned with the election

Mr Blair added: "We have a great country but a lousy government. Never mind all this negative campaigning. These people deserve a better government than the one they we get the trust and support of the people, we can win."

During his walkabout, Mr Blair was challenged by two Tory activists who questioned him about Labour's plans for a minimum wage. In another enounter. David Fletcher Packard, 22. a musician, asked: "Tony, what are you going to do about British rock music?" Mr Blair replied: "I

do for British rock music. I am never going to play in a band Mr Blair, who was lead singer for a band called the Ugly Rumours at Oxford, then signed a Jimi Hendrix tape

cassette with the words: To

will tell you what I am going to

Jimi, Tony Blair." Earlier Mr Blair had been accused by Michael Heseltine of "appalling hypocrisy". The Deputy Prime Minister attacked the Labour leader. insisting that he was trying to deny choice in education while sending his children to the grant-maintained London Oratory school in Fulham.

"I cannot stand the hypocrisy of a man who says he would deny choice in the education system and then opts for choice for his own children," Mr Heseltine said. Mr Blair should have sought action from the Labour councillors home area of Islington to 30 years or could in the future improve schools. "When he under a Labour government."

had to make that judgment himself labout choicel, he could not face the appalling hypocrisy of what he had done. He made a decision that suited himself," Mr Heseltine said. "A man who would do that is not fit to direct the nation's education let alone become Prime Minister."

Mr Blair dismissed Mr Heseltine's attack angrily as a further example of Tory negative campaigning. Speaking during a visit to Brighton, Mr Blair said: "The Tories are getting very, very personalised about it, very abusive. But it is water off a duck's back. The public will make their own judgment. As for their attacks, is sticks and stones."

He said that the Tories were desperate. "What is important is that we carry on talking to the people about what they want to hear about, schools, hospitals and law and order."

Mr Blair was asked later about Mr Heseltine's attack while holding a question-andanswer session at Brighton University. He said: "My children go to state schools. Most of them (the Tories) send their children to private schools. The school that he (Euan) goes to, he could have



Tony Blair on a campaign walkahout yesterday in Crawley, West Sussex

## Past record lets Tories count on fairweather friend

BY GLEN OWEN

THE sun is not backing Blair. With the Met Office forecasting a sunny polling day, the Labour Party will not be taking comfort from past links between fine weather and recent election victories for the

The Conservatives associate a low-voter turnout with election victory. Last autumn, John Major was reported to be considering a December election, in the hope that chilly winter weather on polling day would keep people from the booths. But past results suggest otherwise.

In the month running up to the last election, on April 9, 1992, when Mr Major secured a 21-seat majority, 25 per cent less rain fell than usual. The average temperature for the month was 11.7C (53F), 1.5C higher than usual.

In the month before June II. 1987, conditions were also pleasant, with 25 per cent less rainfall and temperatures holding up to the usual 16.2C (61F). Margaret Thatcher won a 102-seat majority. Although the run-up to

June 9, 1983, was less congenial, with 86 per cent more rain than usual falling, polling day itself was a warm 20C (68F), with 4.5 hours of sunshine. Margaret Thatcher romped home with a 143-seat

lection victory, on May 3.

mini-trend, after a month in which 54 per cent more rain fell than usual. On the day itself, the average maximum temperature was 10.7C (51.2F), nearly six degrees below the

Bob Worcester, from MORI, detects a trend. "Bad weather on polling day will typically benefit the incumbent Government, unless there is a strong mood for change. Then the weather is irrelevant."

He points to the result on February 28, 1974, the last ment. It came after one of the wettest months on record, with nearly twice the average rainfall. On polling day itself, it was raining over two-thirds of the country.

"Back then, bad weather favoured the Conservatives on polling day because their traditional voters could afford to drive to the booths, while Labour supporters were more likely to have to walk. But this did not apply then because there was a strong desire to remove the Conservatives

from power."

Tony Blair will want to look to the example of Thursday, October 15, 1964, when Labour came to power after 13 years of Conservative rule. On polling day, voters were treatmajority. ed to 5.7 hours of sunshine,
The lead up to her first and unseasonally high temed to 5.7 hours of sunshine, peratures of more than 20C.

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## 'New' Clark ignores Chelsea babes in fayour of their babies

familiar glint in Alan Clark's eyes as, wearing his most rakish smile, he made a beeline for the ample-chested young woman standing on the pavement. "How are you? I'm Alan Clark. Very pleased to meet you. Are you

for

al cover.

The true focus of his attention, however, was not the thirtysomething blonde who swooned over him as if he were a 1950s film star, but her twin babies, Olivia and Marcello, gurgling in their pram. And if there was any room for doubt as to Mr Clark's intentions yesterday. at his side stood his wife, Jane, who stuck to him like glue throughout his walk-

This was New Clark, reformed character and bornagain politician, on the hustings with the voters of Kensington and Chelsea. With his selection as the Tory candidate to replace Sir Nicholas Scott, he has managed a remarkable comeback from retirement, for which he is extremely grateful. He clearly intends to seize the opportunity: no



election campaign.

guarded Alan Clark in Kensington and Chelsea and sees a

"class act" greeted like a national treasure frivolity for him during this

Carol Midgley goes

walkabout with a

gravely within minutes of our meeting yesterday (for which he wore the soberest of grey suits and least natty of ties). "I am reducing my profile in a personality sense, although 1 am out meeting people in the con-stituency all the time." Is he now reformed in the

"I am trying to be taken more seriously." he said

philandering sense? "Well. that has been very overdepicted anyway, perhaps because of the diaries. because of People think I am some kind of sex maniae. I just told the

A ripple of alarm had crossed Mr Clark's face when he was asked if he would mind his photograph

"Oh well, yes that's fine," he Interviewing Alan Clark is

national treasure, even by

Labour voters. "Ooh, you're Alan Clark

being taken by The Times. "Not with you, surely?" he said sharply, seeming to sense a set up. When he was assured that it was not him with female journalist, but him with voters that was required, he relaxed again.

an unnerving experience one fears that behind the youthful blue eyes and smile a razor-like brain is working and, perhaps, lining up a derogatory aside for his next diary. New Clark is exceptionally guarded, but without any real need. On a wałkabout in Kensington, he was a class act, greeted like a



Alan and Jane Clark indulging in some "serious" campaigning yesterday

octagenarian blushing like a schoolgirl. "You can have my vote. Lovely.

'You're the one who wrote the diaries, aren't you?" said a man in his fifties. "It's got a green cover hasn't it. My wife bought it but is saving it for her holidays."

Mr Clark, 69, seemed to take care to avoid shaking hands with nubile women. preferring pensioners instead, but could not resist the twins. He himself, he explained, has a young grandchild on whom he and Jane

"No way, no way am I voting for you. I've read the diaries," said another woman, adding almost fond-

ly, "but I did enjoy them." Butchers, estate agents and flower sellers leapt from their posts to shake the hand of the man who called people in his last constituency, Plymouth Sutton, "boring, petty, malign, clumsily con-spiratorial and parochial". Many just recognised him as the man from the telly".

It is a testament to his legendary likeability that during an election campaign dominated by sleaze, a man who admits to having sex with two sisters and their mother has barely been mentioned, Mr Clark insists on behaving honorably. won't say anything about it. I won't ever split on the girls. despite everything."

The wronged husband. James Harkess, 67, who arrived in London from his home in South Africa last week, says he has no option but to campaign for the Labour candidate in the constituency, Robert Atkinson, claiming Mr Clark is "a man unsuitable for politics".

After visiting the site of

proposed new public lavatories and pushing leaflets through a few doors. Mr Clark rolled up at the Home for Distressed Gentlefolk. As he signed the visitor's book, the women receptionists resisted telling him that at his age he was eligible to be a resident himself. They were too busy gazing into his eyes.

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## Labour pledges to bring scientists back to Britain

Jill Sherman reports on the party's proposed endowment trust

LABOUR promised yesterday to reverse the brain drain by attracting scientists back to Britain through a new trust

for science and technology. The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts would be set up on the lines of the National Trust and provide start-up grants in exchange for a proportion of long-term royalties from new products. The aim would be to attract endowments for scien- a video endorsing the new

tists and inventors from copyrights or patents of their inventions and discoveries. Gordon Brown, the Shadow

Chancellor, claimed to have won the support of leading scientists for Labour's initiative. As proof, it published messages of support from 21 scientists, some of whom had abandoned Britain for better opportunities abroad. Four scientists appeared in

fund. These included Michael Duff, Distinguished Professor of Physics at Texas A & M

University, who left Britain after successive Conservative Governments failed to provide adequate support. In response to Labour's proposal, he said: This is just the sort of fillip that weary British scientists are sorely in need of. It will also help to create the kind of

environment that will again

that UK scientists abroad will want to come home to." The other endorsements

came from Sir Martin Rees. Astronomer Royal, Dr Mary Harris, director-general of the Year of Engineering Success, and Trevor Baylis, inventor of the clockwork radio.

☐ Education zones: Labour also announced plans yesterday to set up "education action zones" to boost standards in







Scientists, left to right, Trevor Baylis, Dr Mary Harris and Sir Martin Rees back plan to set up science trust

## make Britain the sort of place Gain matches drain as comings and goings make a myth out of theory

THE Labour Party's ambition to reverse the "brain drain" and reinforce the science base cannot be achieved for nothing. Yesterday's announcements were full of declarations of intent but coy about the sources of new finance without which there will be little to

tempt British scientists home. Much depends on the success of the planned National Endowment for Science. Technology and the Arts, which has been promised iottery money. Labour also hopes that successful scientists and in-

Nigel Hawkes believes that Labour will have to guarantee tenured positions and research support to lure top British scientists home from abroad

ventors, presumably those who have become rich despite all the obstacles put in their way during the past 18 years, will help to

endow it. Most British scientists who go abroad do so because they are offered jobs and research grants:

Twenty years on and with their most productive years behind them, some may feel like coming home, but it is not because Labour's science policy is essentially any different from that of the Tories. In America, science budgets are also under pressure. The

cuts that have sent shivers through the scientific community. So a Labour government with the right mood music might persuade some scientists to return. But the most successful would need tenured positions and guarantees of research support to take the risk.

Opinions differ over whether the brain drain does much damage: The most recent report, produced by the Science and Engineering Policy Studies Unit in 1993. showed that 447 British scientists

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most recent US budget calls for and engineers left between 1984 and 1992. But over the same period, 462 entered the country: 144 were British citizens returning. and the other 318 were immigrants. The report concluded that the emigration rate had not increased: if anything, it may have diminished slightly since the 1970s. The worry was that it was the top quality people who were leaving.

Britain trains more scientists than it can afford to employ in research and then we feel we have failed when they choose to work

elsewhere. Once abroad, they tend overdue for replacement, and over to exaggerate the exigencies that drove them there. In reality, as a recent study by Sir Robert May. the Government's chief scientific adviser, showed, British science is still in the top rank. In terms of spending, a subject on which Sir Robert is now preparing a second paper, the record is not so good.

The research budget has been maintained in money terms, if not in real terms, in recent years. There are serious problems over university equipment, much of which is career prospects. The same com-plaints are heard in America. Over the years, Britain has probably gained at least as much from scientific mobility as it has lost. From Ernest Rutherford - a New Zealander by birth - through the Jewish scientists exiled by the Nazis in the 1930s, to Professor Plomin and Sir Robert May him-

self, an Australian who has held chairs at home, in the US and at Oxford. Britain has a substantial brain gain to boast about.

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## Blair should find time for man who can square circles



Frank Field always has new angles on old problems, writes Peter Riddell, and his fresh thinking could get Labour out of some tight corners

FRANK FIELD is Labour's most original and least tribal politician - a Blairite before Tony Blair, though never one of his inner circle; always willing to challenge. the party's conventional thinking, almost at the cost of his seat in the 1980s; and respected across party lines even by Margaret Thatcher.

If anyone could break out of the bland cynicism of Labour's safety-first national campaign, surely it

would be him. Yesterday as we strolled around the Birkenhead constituency he has represented since 1979 Mr Field was. as ever, full of ideas. He believes, however, that a cautious Labour campaign was necessary. "We could not be elected on any other programme."

His worries are more about what happens after May I - about problems no one has even thought about, to say nothing of how to stay within the tight expenditure constraints left by the Tories, and accepted by Labour. He believes a new government will gradually have to build up support for a reformed programme: for example, by a consultative Green Paper exercise on changes to the welfare state before legislation. Mr Field is forever look-

ing for room for new initiatives. For instance, he wants to use the money saved by switching from student grants to loans to help single mothers into work by expanding child-care facilities. But this would immediately run into Treasury accounting conventions about what must be classified as public expenditure If Mr Field has his way, some cherished Treasury conventions will have to be challenged.

He is also looking for greater flexibility in the way the welfare state works. For instance, at present, 60 per cent of rents paid on council houses and housing association properties are financed by housing benefits. This discourages people from seeking work. So he would like to increase the flexibility and overlap between those on benefits and work while cracking down on real fraud.

He is forever surprising. For instance, he notes that the big cutbacks of Cammell Laird shipyards have affected the attitudes and motivation of young men in Birkenhead. Previously they had the discipline provided by working in the yards. And even the local boxing clubs have been in decline, a victim of 1980s political correctness,

he says. The aesthetic High Anglican Mr Field is an unlikely advocate of boxing.

But he has become president of some local amateur clubs which, he says, offer safer outlets for the aggressiveness of young men than fighting on the streets. Throughout, he links possible national proposals with his constituency

with single mothers he meets on a housing estate or the help given to lesstalented pupils at a local Catholic comprehensive school. The headteacher there is, he says, just like Lady Thatcher, "wonderful". Few Labour politicians would ever cite her in such complimentary terms.

Mr Field says that this school has developed a programme to encourage numeracy and literacy, information technology and social skills among young girls which encourages them to seek proper jobs rather than quickly become



willing to surprise

single mothers. Indeed, Mr Field believes that the pupils should only be allowed to leave school when they have achieved certain basic qualifications rather than simply by becoming 16. It is this unconventional

pragmatism which a Labour government will need, given that it is already pledged to operate within tight expenditure constraints. For him, the test of a Labour government in five years' time will be whether it has started to reform the welfare state to link people's self-interest to responsibility and to move from dependency to op-

portunity. At the election after next. Mr Field hopes that voters will be able to move from "trust us to trust fulfilled". It is all, he says, up to whether Tony Blair wants to be just prime minister or a great prime minister. Mr Field leaves no one in any doubt that he wants to be part of Mr Blair's team.

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## Farmers tell Major culling begins at home

Alan Hamilton reports that Devon

cattlemen refuse to back Tories

unless Agriculture Minister is sacked

Hogg cull. Unless John Major can assure them that a future Conservative government will eliminate all traces of Hogg from Britain's farms,

they will not vote for it.

Farmers are usually a down-to-earth breed, but when they confronted the Prime Minister in the auction ring of Tavistock cattle market yesterday, they could not bring the name for the ailment to their lips as though it were some taboo, an embarrassing rash. They constantly referred to it by its drawingroom euphenism "the Minister of Agriculture".

Mr Major, like a prevaricating vet who will not tell you straight what is wrong with your cow, dodged the issue, but hinted that he had a cure for Hogg in his medicine bag. A re-elected Tory Government would start with a fresh team and he himself would take a hands-on approach to the Ministry of Agriculture. It was not clear whether this operation would require him to wear a rubber glove up to

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Tavistock is at the heart of the intensively farmed constituency, the second biggest in England, of Devon West and Torridge, held last time by Emma Nicholson with a 3,800 majority until she was captured by aliens, injected with a Martian strain of mad cow disease and turned into a Liberal Democrat. The Tories have rather smartly replaced her as candidate by importing good Scotch stock. Ian Liddell-Grainger is a bluff Borders beef farmer who knows all about cattle culls.

Even his campaign director, Lord Stockton, grandson of Harold MacMillan, has become a farmer, with 350 acres outside Tavistock. The farming still not properly

WHAT the hard-pressed Liberal Democrat challenger, farmers of Devon want is a local councillor with no a local councillor with no farm, appears to be starting at a serious disadvantage.

Mr Liddel-Grainger was predictably loyal about the Government's handling of the BSE crisis. "I was fairly critical at the time, but I did not see what else we could do to get where we are now."

The local farmers were

much less tolerant. Sandy Loud and Ruth Burrow, two local beef and dairy farmers, sported bright yellow T-shirts with the legend This cow isn't mad, she's bloody livid" on the front and "No more Bull" on the back. Mr Major hugged them warmly. "I have met you before." He certainly had: the two women wore their T-shrts to last year's Tory conference,
"If only we had got rid of

Hogg from the start, this crisis would never have happened; he has been hopelessly weak in Europe. They must get rid of Hogg and be strong in Europe," Mrs Loud said. Mrs Burrow added: "Put somebody in the Min of Ag who understands farmers; Hogg is a lawyer for heaven's

The women told Mr Major that the beef industry would suffer for at least the next eight years. "Get rid of Hogg and I think the Conservatives can win back the farming vote," Mrs Burrow said.

John Dawe, local branch chairman of the National Farmers' Union (NFU), was another who was blunt with Mr Major. "I made it clear that I would not vote Tory if I had the slightest suspicion that man was going back as Agriculture Minister." Richard Haddock, vice-chairman of the Devon NFU, told the Prime Minister that lowland beef was the one sector of



The Prime Minister meets children at Erme County Primary School in Ivybridge, Devon, yesterday

on a Tuesday afternoon.

culture Minister. After May 1,

of course, a Hogg cull may

prove unnecessary. Mother

nature often has her own way

of dealing with troublesome

subsidised and that if the Governmenmt did not do something about it pretty damn quick. 5,000 farmers would go bankrupt.

Mr Major made all the

right soothing noises, as though trying to calm a panicy heifer. "I do not believe there was ever a justification for the banning of British beef across Europe; there was panic." Britain had honoured its side of the BSE elimination agreement with Europe. Now it was time for other European countries to introduce beef hygiene controls as tough as those in Britain, he added. That went down particularly

The questioning turned technical, Would Mr Major

commit himself to laying his hands on the £200 million in Leaders score badly the European Union kitty earmarked for ironing out in Spice Girls quiz adjustments in the green pound? Mr Major would not commit himself; green pound expertise is not always imm-

JOHN MAJOR elegantly batted away tricky questions ediately to hand at 3 o'clock on the single currency, unemployment and the Tories' The one way for Mr Major electoral prospects yesterday, but was clean bowled by to ensure the votes of the the nightmare poser for any Tavistock farmers would be to politician keen to enhance his street credibility: name say that he intended to appoint Angela Browning. Mr the Spice Girls (Arthur Blobby, Dr Frankenstein or indeed anyone else as Agri-Leathley writes).

The Prime Minister was challenged to better Tony Blair's attempt to put names to the five members of the allgirl band that has swept Britain and America.

Mr Blair was ridiculed when he was able to name only three of the quintet, but Mr Major failed to hit even such modest heights, proffering the names of just two of

the singers. Mel and Geri. He was unable to specify which of the duo of Mels. B or C, he was referring to. The Prime Minister was hit with the googly at the end of an interview with journalists in Plymouth. In vain he had he appealed to his interDamian Whitworth trots after one little Hogg who never got to market

LIKE so many of the cows Mr Hogg emerged from the which must trouble his Cannock Unionist Club and dreams at right, Douglas Hogg did not make it to market yesterday.

The Agriculture Minister, who has been notably absent from the general election limelight, was due to make his debut on the national campaign stage. In the event, the whole thing was something of a pig's ear.

Amid the continuing fallout from the BSE crisis it has clearly been the view of Conservative Central Office that this Hogg would not wash with the voters and he has been kept firmly out of sight. He has been among the band of Cabinet ministers who have not appeared at any of the morning Westminster press conferences; nor is it

planned that he should do so. But yesterday, after John Major's decision to go face to face with the fishermen of Cornwall, it was billed that Mr Hogg would be squaring up to his nemesis. Midlands press spokesmen said that Mr Hogg would be visiting a Staffordshire market. However, while Mr Major went into the lions den and found that most of the lions were out fishing, Mr Hogg, who has recovered enough from an injured ankle to cast off his crutches, poked his head into the lair and quickly pulled it out again.

In one respect poor Mr Hogg was blameless. The market in Cannock does not trade in livestock and although the area, which was once busy with mining, has much agriculture, it is uncertain how many sons of the soil he would have encountered. But Mr Hogg would not have discovered that because he did not discover the market. If this does not rank as the

shortest town centre walkabout of 1997 it will be intriguing to see which fleetrogator to ask him questions footed candidate beats him.

set off with the local candidate, John Backhouse, at a brisk trot.

His first encounter with the public was with a couple quietly tucking into a picnic on a patch of grass. "How are you today?" asked the minister. The couple, mouths full of sandwiches, grimaced and shooed him away. "Lovely to meet you," Mr Hogg said and scampered on into the shop-

"Hello, nice to meet you," he chirped. "I am not your candidate," he added hurriedly. "This is your local Conservative candidate, John Backhouse," he told shoppers.

To his credit, however many people told him to go away Mr Hogg was irrepressibly cheerful and eventually was rewarded with an encounter with some supporters. At last he could pause for breath before heading off again, skipping quickly past a butcher's (to the disappointment of photographers), round the corner and ... back to the Unionist Club where the regulars were barely half way through the pints they had started when he left ten



Hogg: back among his

## Tory marginals a piece of cake for birthday boy

Lord Archer loves elections, writes Gillian Bowditch

lunch for a multi-millionaire, just a baked potato with cheese washed down by a glass of Coke. But Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, 57 yesterday, said he was

enjoying himself enormously. No cards, no presents, no cake everything has been put on hold for the election. Yesterday morning found him in the Scottish Borders working the marginal seats of Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale and Roxburgh and Berwickshire, part of a three-day tour of Scotland fitted around his main campaign role of organising the eight rallies for John Major and six for Michael Heseltine.

He acts as the warm-up man, working the crowd of Tory faithful. He admits to nerves beforehand, although not as bad as the Prime Minister or "Margaret".



Archer, 57 yesterday, campaigns in Scotland

fidgeting, getting nervous every time," he says.

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But for such a veteran of the campaign trail, (this is his tenth election), he must feel he has been fobbed off with a job which under-utilises his skills

"Everyone knows I wanted to be party chairman. That's no secret but we've got a chairman and that's the end of that discussion," he says.

It seems a far cry from the days when he played a central role in Conservative affairs, indulged by Mrs Thatcher, loved by the party faithful and loathed by some who felt he was a loose cannon.

So why does he keep doing it? The answer is obvious as we step into the bright sunshine of Galashiels shopping centre. He loves it. He shakes hands with everyone before thrusting Alister Jack, the local candidate forward.

"Jeffrey Archer, pleased to meet you," he says. The response is remarkable. They are all delighted to meet him. Autographs are requested, visiting foreigners promise to vote for him. The town's traffic warden stops for a chat, even the local Labour council-

lor pats him on the back.
"It's a drug," he says.
"There is nothing like an election. I love it and when I stop loving it I will stop doing

"I don't have to do this. I could just keep writing books. but I don't think you should be a politician if you don't enjoy meeting people, al-though lots of them hate it."

Local party chairman Charles Barr-Sim says of Lord Archer: "I've learnt so much from him already, just following him around. I don't know what his secret is. 1 think he just likes meeting people. If I had him here for three weeks, we'd have the seat in the bag.

At the Conservative club in Galashiels four middle-aged ladies are stuffing envelopes.

"Why don't you get out of the Lords, and become Prime Minister where you belong? one of the ladies says, as Lord Archer beams. Not such a had birthday after all.

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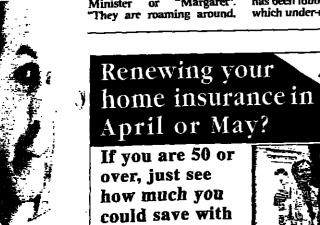
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## Ashdown meets the old to speak of the young

North Cornwall, flashes of orange and gold catch the eye. The gorse and the Liberal Democrat posters make a delightful show at this time of year. No other flowers, political or horticultural, seem to flourish, and the Liberal Democrat candidate, Paul Tyler, looks secure. But this did not prevent Paddy Ashdown dropping in on him yesterday, just in case. Mr Ashdown was sched-

uled to press the flesh outside Bude's curiously crenellated town hall after lunch. Waiting for the occasion was a poster lorry displaying a huge billboard picturing three children and posing the question "Which party will spend more on education?" One boy wore a blue rosette, one a red rosette, and the rosette of the third was gold. The gold boy was smiling. The driver, lag end hanging from his lip, was scowling. The Liberal Democrat battle bus was late. Devon lanes are narrow, the bus a vast yellow double-decker. So Mr Ashdown went on ahead, with Mr Tyler, in a black Jaguar.

The theme of the afternoon was to be Our Children's

Do you remember Evelyn Waugh's Scoop? The press baron, Lord Copper, ready to present a journalist whom he supposes to be young with an award, has drafted his entire



**Matthew Parris** follows the Liberal leader as he presses the flesh in the safe territory of North Cornwall

speech on a single theme: come to tackle him on Lib Dem evasions over hunting. The opportunities of youth." Lord Copper's heart sinks as the award winner appears. But this is where Mr Ashdown shines. Unlike othjust before the speech is to begin. The journalist is in his er opposition leaders, Mr Ashdown had not arranged seventies. Thus must Mr Ashfor minders to assess the crowd in advance, identify the down's heart have sunk as, trained poodles, push away emerging from his car to a backgrop of colourful posters people with awkward quesabout education, his few well tions and shepherd their man towards the poodles. Now, confronted with the awkward chosen words about Liberal Democrat plans for the young questions, he did not, unlike memorised, he was confronted by his audience. They were other opposition leaders. a small crowd of very old scamper away to the poodles. ladies, sprinkled with a hand-He listened to his critics, then ful of very old gentlemen. gave as good an account of his White perms quivered in the party's policy (or lack of one) breeze. Sticks tapped the as he could muster. They his heart sank. listened to him politely and "Hiyah!" he exclaimed, for all with growing respect. He left them impressed. Then he steered his older ladies - who the world overjoyed to see But wait! There by the gate had been joined, mercifully, by a single babe-in-arms —

was a group of younger people — rather smart: the towards a boat repair yard, tweed cap and green wellie where others were waiting. "What's wrong with this boat?" he breezed to a craftsbrigade. Paddy lurched to-wards them in relief. The relief was short-lived. They man. "It sunk in a storm," the were a delegation from the fellow replied. Mr Tyler British Field Sports Society. looked worriedly at me. con-

sonous metaphor. But Mr Ashdown made a good, oldfashioned speech to his fans, during which Mr Tyler was spontaneously cheered when his leader mentioned his expertise on agriculture. Mr Ashdown posed with the haby, and departed. What with Mr Tyler's clipped 1950s Pathé News voice, the whole scene could have come from another political era.

Mr Ashdown's next encounter was better suited to his theme. He entered a children's adventure training centre and pulled on a rope designed to haul kids wearing crash helmets up a climbing frame. Journalists challenged him to don a helmet and give it a try. You could see the adventurer in Mr Ashdown straining to accept the challenge. Sadly, the politician in him, envisaging the captions should he fall, won the tussle. He stayed on the ground. Then we watched more

duced to a would-be climber. "Good Luck, Brian!" he called as the boy began his ascent, "Thanks," called the child. "And it's not Brian. It's Ryan." A boy who, half way up a vertical wall and clinging on for dear life, can correct the

leader of a great political

party as brusquely as Ryan'

boys in crash helmets climb-

ing up a wall. The Liberal

Democrat leader was intro-

Sir Peter Ustinov is taking an active part in the Lib Dem election campaign

## Ustinov pledges to play lead role

BY POLLY NEWTON

THE Liberal Democrats will wheel out backers from the world of entertainment this week in a show of support of the kind that is more usually associated with new Labour.

The parade begins today with a joint appearance in London by Paddy Ashdown and John Cleese, a wellknown Lib Dem voter who has appeared in the party's election broadcasts.

A lifelong Labour voter, television comedian Barry Took, will tonight chair a Liberal Democrat debate in Bath. He said: "[Tony] Blair and his crowd are good but Charles Kennedy and Paddy Ashdown are part of a young, energetic party that is honest and caring. If I didn't live in Westminster and have to vote tactically to get those Conservative buggers out then I would definitely back

Tomorrow afternoon Sir Peter Ustinov, the actor, will appear alongside Baroness (Shirley) Williams to discuss political issues in front of an audience at Church House in London, where the Lib Dems hold their daily 8am press conferences. This is the first time that Sir Peter, a long-time supporter of the party, is taking such an active part in an election

## Nameless people's champion addresses nation from on high

smith addressed the nation in the first Referendum Party broadcast. It is a mark of his arrogance that nowhere was he identified. We were, presumably, expected to recognise his features: the balding head, the freckles burnt under a non-English sun, his wild eyes peering from under a

His message, unlike the intervention of Ross Perot in the last two US presidential races, was simple. As he put it:

TV WATCH **NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT** 

The real issue is whether Britain remains an independent and free nation or whether it becomes a province of an undemocratic European su-

perstate." And the culprit is the same demon that Sir James has always been fighting, from his founding of the weekly magazine Now! to his legal assault upon Private Eye

- an unrepresentative clique who dominate the political

class of Britain. Who, he asks, are these people who lead us blindly into servitude? His answer: "the political, bureaucratic media establishment". The whole world, it seems, is against Sir James and his rabble army, a chief undesir-

that the European adventure would not entail a surrender of Britain's sovereignty. The federal agenda of the Maastricht summit was not an issue in the 1992 election. And "secretly and without our consent our nation is disappearing into a European superstate with one parliament, one

The Tories have cornered the market in paranoia so far. claiming in their first broad-

currency, one flag".

able being Edward Heath, cast that Britain is on the edge who encouraged us to believe of apocalypse with the arrival of a Blair government. But Goldsmith goes one further. Unless we vote Referendum we will be selling our country down the river for ever. Parliament and the courts and the Bank of England will be gone. This is our last chance to smell the sweet scent of freedom. It is an eccentric, seriousminded attempt to appeal over the heads of the conventional parties to the romantic

view of Britain's voters.

But Sir James, the fattest of fat cats, ennobled by Harold Wilson in his infamous "lavender honours list", who lives mostly in France, is not the hest snokesman for such a crusade. The Referendum Party therefore adopts an odd position: it appeals from on high to the British revulsion at being directed from on high. The whiff of the international jet-set cocktail party which follows the Referendum Party. packed with friends of friends

es its claim to be a grass-roots movement which speaks for the British people. The Labour Party also made

a patriotic appeal last night in its broadcast, introducing the now famous Fitz the Dog, a grumpy buildog which is reluctant to be taken for a walk. After a few well chosen words from Tony Blair the dog rouses itself and is soon champing at the bit, eventually snapping its lead to set off in its own direction - across a dusty desert landscape to an

unknown horizon. This is undoubted Thatcher territory. The British bulldog, after years of being domesticated, will be let off its leash to roam the world, looking for a scrap. Labour, once the party of CND, has, like the subtitle of Stanley Kubrick's Dr Strangelove, learned to stop worrying and love the bomb. So the Tories are deprived of another unique selling proposition and Sir James is left wishing he had thought of a

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No wrench for spanner in the Conservative works as she breaks consensus over single currency

## Voters are unmoved by Tory dame's Euro turn

DAME Angela Rumbold, a Conservative vice-chairman and the latest spanner in the Tory Euro-works, was busy performing the doctrinal splits over the euro yesterday. Not that her constituents no-ticed. Striding through the sunny streets of Mitcham and Morden, her seat for the past 15 years, Dame Angela, 65, was having it both ways. "I fully support the Government's position with regard to the single currency." she in-sisted in a formal statement. But there was a catch: "I cannot see myself supporting the erosion of sovereignty that would come from scrapping the pound.

This thinking had just handed a gift to the Opposition. Tony Blair ridiculed the disarray in Tory ranks. Paddy Ashdown said Dame Angela had signalled "the beginning of the break-up of the Conservative Party" because of her rank in the party machine and her job in charge of the candidate lists for the election. Emma Nicholson, a former Tory colleague now with the Lib Denis, called her "a loose cannon on the deck of a

sinking ship".

Slightly intimidating in a pistachio-coloured suit that set off her short red hair. Dame Angela had only one word for such stuff as she marched up a suburban street: "Sheer nonsense -



Dame Angela Rumbold knew exactly what she was doing when she decided to thrust aside the Cabinet's wait-andsee Euro-policy,

Charles Bremner writes

councillor.

proved by a sea of cherry

in danger of losing the seat,

one of the most marginal, to Siobhain McDonagh, 36, a

around to take the mid-after-

noon call from the Tory

Dame, who was accompanied

by Polly Postans, her daugh-ter who is also her electoral

agent, and Sophie, her grand-

daughter. Her only mistake.

after receiving near universal

greet the same pair of old women twice. But you've

just spoken to us," one com-

She met only one timid

query about her European

views. She explained that she

wanted to saleguard Britain's

sovereignty. Among the vot-

ers of Morden, there was little

apparent interest in Dame

Angela's shocking shift from

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According to Dame

Angela's entourage, the fuss was just media mischief, but there was no doubt that Dame Angela, a straight-speaker and possessor of a sharp mind, knew exactly what she was doing when she decided to thrust aside the veil of ambiguity with which the Cabinet has draped its Europolicy and say clearly what many a Conservative believes. She wanted, she said, to answer the anxiety that voters voiced on the single currency when she knocked on doors.

Surely there was some contradiction with the Government's delicately ecumenical policy of wait-and-see? "I'm not going to say anything because if I say anything it's ridiculous." Dame Angela snapped as she marched ahead with her "important business".

This consisted of ringing on doorbells up and down wait-and-see over the euro Queen Mary Avenue, a quiet and her part in what one

day to be the biggest battle for Britain's survival since Hitler was defeated.

Over in Morden, there was sympathy for the politician. "Poor old Dame Angela. She's just trying to hold on to her seat," said Kevin Fleming, proprietor of a Morden plumbing shop, referring to her majority of 1,734. Doing her shopping. Phylis Sinden, 85, said Dame Angela "says all the right things. I think the Conservatives know how to handle the foreigners.

A protegée of Nicholas Ridley, who served in three junior ministerial posts, she has blotted her copybook before, notably in 1994 when she had to resign from a £12,000-ayear job with a lobbying firm and in 1995 when she ac-knowledged that she had failed to disclose a shareholding in an investment fund.

Made a Dame in 1992, she was put in charge of the Conservative candidate list in 1994, and proclaimed her aim to be purging the "identikit apparatchiks" which had dominated it and recruiting more women. However critics say her ambition has been signally unfilfilled. Emma Nicolson, sniped at her yesterday, saying her former colleague "is the woman who has stopped the advance of



Dame Angela campaigning in her Mitcham and Morden constituency

## Leaders vie for place as fishing industry's true defender

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE Government and the Opposition vied to outdo each other in support for the fishing industry and determination to stand up to Europe yesterday after Britain was forced to accept a decision to reduce catches by up to 30 per cent.

Ministers said the vote in Luxem-

bourg was irrelevant because there was no question of implementing the reductions until British-registered, but foreign-owned trawlers, or "quota-hoppers", were banned

from catching British fish. On the agreement. There has to be an hustings in Devon, John Major said he did not have "a shred of intention of cutting the British catch unless and until we have a satisfactory agreement on quota-hopping".

The Prime Minister was asked if a Tory government would be prepared to veto further constitutional changes in the European Union at the inter-governmental conference (IGC) in June if Britain did not get way over quota-hoppers."You can use the word veto", he said. "I am saying we will not reach an

agreement by unanimity with every nation in the IGC." Mr Major said the Luxembourg

decision showed how "utterly wrong" Labour and the Liberal Democrats were to support an extension of qualified majority voting in the EU. What happened today, which we will resist, could happen in a whole series of other areas if they scrap the veto" he said. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, on the campaign trail in Brighton, said: "This is yet another failure. First it was beef, now fish. They talk tough but they get nothing done because they are hopelessly divided. A Labour government will get a better deal for the British fishing industry. In my view Mickey Mouse would

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, claiming to be the only party leader to have been on a trawler, said: The right way to approach all this is to scrap the common fisheries policy altogether and to deal with these issues with an urgent review of fisheries policy.

get a better deal than this lot."

The Prime Minister has decided on bluster for the purposes of the election. We all know what will happen if he is re-elected - he will back down.'

in Luxembourg Britain was outvoted by 13 votes to two, with only France on its side. The deal went through under the EU's qualified majority voting system, which is now used for much routine EU

Under the Luxembourg deal, it will be left up to individual members states to decide how to achieve

the catch cuts - 30 per cent for severely depleted stocks, such as cod and haddock, and 20 per cent for others under less pressure.

The reductions must be achieved within five years either by scrapping vessels, with the aid of grants, or by limiting the number of days during the year that boats can spend at sea, or by a combination of both.

Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, said the 160 foreign-owned fishing boats on the British register alone accounted for a quarter of the British fish catch.

## Major refused to join the Right

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

JOHN MAJOR yesterday said he had resisted demands that the Tories should take a more right-wing or Eurosceptic stance in the election. He said: People will have to accept me for what I am .

As increasing numbers of backbench MPs voice their opposition to Mr Major's wait and see policy on a single currency, the Prime Minister was asked whether a right-wing or Eurosceptic ticket might have proved more popular. I have always been told over the last few years that if I was able to do this or able to do that, the world would turn on its head. But I am not prepared to turn on my head," he said.

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Mr Major said that responsibility for the party's electoral fortunes rested with him. "I have set out my policy. It is what I believe in and people will have to accept me for what I believe, what I do and the way I do it, or reject me."

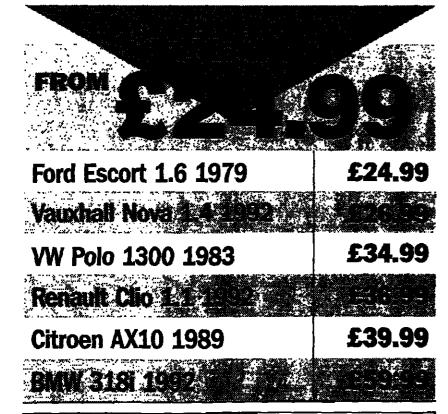
The prime minister said. that he now felt able to return to his original objective, set out when he first became Tory leader, of achieving a "class-less society". "It is perfectly true to say I feel liberated in that sense. I can now address the social agenda. That is what I have always cared about and lay behind what I said about a classless society."

He denied that recent speeches calling for greater help for the poor showed a sudden conversion. Yesterday he answered claims that he was searching desperately for centre-ground votes, saying that the Tory party had always believed in social change. He blamed the recession for preventing some of the social changes he had hoped to

Toduce.
It has been very difficult to connect personally with the media and with the public as a whole upon those issues. But I think that it is now possible to



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## What the Conservative rebels say on Europe

CONSERVATIVE candidates who have rebelled against the Government's wait and see" policy on monetary union, according to information compiled by The Times. Some of the quotations below are from documents published by the Labour Party.

Jacques Arnold, Gravesham: Conservatives are opposed to the Single European Currency. 2 Felix Elfed Aubel, Ceredigion: "I am opposed to the idea of a European single currency."
3 Neil Badcock, Truro & St

Austell: "I am against a single 4 Paul Barlett, Covenity North West: "I promise to vote against the scrapping of the pound."

5 John Baron, Basildon: "Whilst believing we should always nego-tiate to defend Britains's interests, I would expect to oppose a single

currency in any referendum."

6 Spencer Batiste, Elmet: "I stand against Current Proposals for 7 Vivian Bendall, lliord North: "1 am against any moves towards a

single European currency." 8 Richard Benyon, Newbury: Richard Benyon . . . is opposed to a single currency." 9 Bob Blackman, Bedford: "I am fundamentally opposed to the single currency, and I will oppose

10 Clive Blackwood, Eltham: "In the next Parliament, I will vigorously oppose ... any proposal to take Britain into a single

European currency." mingham Northfield: "Alan Blumenthal will fight ... to oppose monetary union" NB: he Originally told the BBC that he would support the "wait and see"

12 Sir Rhodes Boyson, Brent North: "I believe that a single currency would be a disaster for

13 Gratham Brady, Altrincham & Sale West: "I believe that a single currency would be bad for our economy and signal the end of

14 Angela Browning, Tiverton &

Honiton: (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture) ... one of the conditions already stated in the Treaty is that all countries which join must hand over their gold and foreign currency reserves to the Central Bank in Frankfurt. Once you do that, then interest rates will be determined in Europe. It follows that expenditure decisions will then be taken in Europe as well. This is the end of sovereignty of the nation state and if that is what is offered I have made it very clear that I will not support it."

15 Adam Bruce, North East "I believe that the UK should not join a single currency in 1999. I do not believe that it

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interests to join a single currency to Peter Bruinvels. The Wrekin: I am opposed to the Single

17 Les Byrom, Wirral South: "We should keep out of any single currency or Central bank, unless it can be proved to be in Britain's interests and the present proposals are far, far short of that." 18 Michael Carttiss, Great Yarmouth: "I shall not vote to abolish the British pound."

19 Christopher Chope, Christ-church: "I will fight against the single currency."

20 David Congdon, Croydor Central: "A single currency would be a disaster." 2i Stephen Day, Cheedle: "I oppose Britain joining the single

22 Den Dover, Chorley: "Den Dover has repeated his opposition to a European single currency in the strongest possible terms. I support a European Commor Market but would never vote for a single currency."
23 Bob Duna, Dartford: "I will not vote to abolish the pound.

24 David Evans, Welwyn Hat-field: "Would you allow the pound to be scrapped for a single currency . . .? [Evans replies] "No

25 Nigel Evans, Ribble Valley (PPS to William Hague): ...my position on a single currency and closer ties with Europe is crystal clear. I am opposed to either. 26 David Evennett, Bexleyheath Crayford (PPS to Gillian Shephard): "On national issues he has ... stated publicly his opposition of a single European cur-27 Simon Fawthrop, Islington

North: |On the single currency| "I 28 Mark Field, Enfield North: 'My personal view has always been in opposition to the United Kingdom joining a common currency."

borough: "[Jacqueline Foster is] wholly opposing ... the abolition of the Pound Sterling." 30 Mark Francois, Brent East: Mark Francois, Conservative,

as our currency. 31 Christopher Fraser, Mid Dorset & North Poole: "I will speak up for you to safeguard our ...

32 Murdo Frase, East Lothian: "1 pledge that, if elected, I would not vote in favour of the abolition of the pound and Britain's entry into the European currency."
33 Sir Peter Fry, Wellingborough: "I am firmly against a single currency and want to see powers

handed back." 34 Phil Gallie. Ayr: "Personally. I see no circumstances under which I will support a common European Currency."
35 Clare Gledhill, Don Vallley: "I

cannot foresee any circumstances when it would be in Britain's

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71 David Ruffley, Bury St Ed-munds: "He is not persuaded that is in the United Kingdom's interests to join a single corrency. 72 Dame Angela Rumbold, Mitcham & Morden (vice-chairman of the Conservative Party): "I won't vote for it and I would cetainly be calling for a no-vote." BBC2 Newsnight, April 14 1997. 73 Tom Sackville, Bolton West (Parliamentary Under-secretary of State for Health): "I do not would be in Britain's best interests from either an economic political point of view:

a single currency.

pound."

67 Marion Roc. Broxbourne: "I

68 Graham Riddick. Colne Val-ley: "I will do whatever I can to stop the abolition of the pound

and its replacement by a single

69 Laurence Robertson, Tewkes-

bury: "I have said I will vote

against a single European cur-rency. I would like to see a rull

referendum on Britain's wider

relationship with Europe and

would like to repatriate powers to

70 Dr Adrian Rogers, Exeter:

Adrian Rogers will never vote for

oppose the single currency."

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neither now or for the forseeable 74 Jonathan Saveed, Midto join a Common Market not for a single currency.

75 David Senior, Luton North: "David Senior . . . has pledged to keep the Pound." 76 Stephen Shakespeare, Colchester: "I believe that a single

77 David Shaw, Dover: "I shall listen very carefully to all the arguments about the single cur-

rency and then I shall vote against 78 Donald Stewart, Brigg and Goole: "I am totally against the

single currency." 79 Sir Peter Tapsell, Louth & Horncastle: "I give you this pledge — I shall never vote to join a Single European Currency."
80 Donald Thompson, Calder Valley: Donald Thompson be-

lieves in a strong European trad-

ing area, but cannot foresee a single currency with Britain as a 81 John Todman, Cheltenham: "I want to see the right to set our own agenda ... That means 'no' to a

> 82 Jan Twing, Edmonton: "I am strongly opposed to the Single Currency. I will vote against a Single Currency in the referendum we have pledged in the House of Commons." 83 Bill Wiggin. Burley: "I am opposed to a single curr-

Michael Winstanley. Makerfield: "I oppose a single currency and a federal Europe . . . oport a referendum on

85 Walter Sweeney, Vale of Glamorgan MP: Walter Sweeney has consistently said YES to a free trade area, but NO to the Social Chapter. NO to a single

% Glyn Davies, Montgomery shire: "I will oppose the abolition of the British pound within the life of the next Parliament . . . I stand nations and will say 'No' to abolishing the British curr-

87 Bill Cash. Stone: "I will not vote for a single currency or the Social Chapter."

88 David Heathcoat-Amory.
Wells: "He opposes further integration in the European Union and believes the Government should rule out joining a single

European currency."

89 Robert Syms. Poole: "I believe in the British controlling their own destiny and believe it is important to maintain sterling. important to maintain sterling and will vote against any proposal for a single European currency in the next Parliament. 90 Nigel Waterson, Eastbourner

"I am strongly against a federal Europe and would not want to see 9) Julian Brazier, Canterbury: "I will fight against the abolition of

the pound and its absorption into a single currency." 92 Jonathan Aitken. South Thanet: "I would hesitate for eternity before voting for the

Single Currency and European Monetary Union. 93 Nicholas Cambrook, Yeovil: We must have a referendum if we intend any further integration. I

am against the UK joining a single currency."
94 David Cameron, Stafford: When I was selected a year ago I said I would oppose a single currency. I will make that clear in

my election address." Andrew Smith, Cynon Valley: I am an implacable opponent of a single currency and would vote against any transfer of gold and bullion to Brussels. I believe

putting Britain before 96 Angie Bray, East Ham: 1 would oppose a single currency and any further transfer of sov-

97 Nick Gibb, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton: "Our main aim should be to regain political and legal power." 98 Sir Marcus Fox. Shipley: "I

cannot see any circumstances where i would vote for the abolition of the pound." 99 David Porter, Waveney: "1 totally oppose a single currency. The mark of a soverign nation it to print its money."

100 Neil Hamilton, Tatton: "Opposed to a single currency."
101 David Wilshire, Spelthome: Has come out against a single

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36 John Godfrey, Perth: "I see no

up our pound sterling."
37 Robert Gordon, Watford: "Op-

38 Teresa Gorman, Billericay: "I

...will personally never vote to

39 John Gregory, Stretford & Urmston: "I vow to oppose a

40 Sir Archie Hamilton, Epsom

& Ewell: "If re-elected, I shall vote

against monetary union and cam-paign against it in the referendum

41 Nick Hawkins, Surrey Heath

(PPS to Virginia Bottomley): "Our

recent survey results have re-

inforced my own strong view that

the people of Surrey Heath, by a

joining a single currency - as I

42 Jerry Hayes, Harlow: "Conser-

43 Edmund Hayward, Carmar-then East & Dinefwr: ...the

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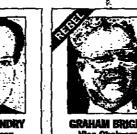
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(Vice-Chairman of the Conser-

varive Party): "Nothing so lar has

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45 Jason Hollands, Easington: "I

would ... oppose the abolition of

46 Philip Hollobone, Lewisham

East: Philip Hollobone ...

would never vote for the abolition

of the pound and would seek a full

referendum on Britain's future

role in Europe. [He] would vote

for repatriation of powers from

47 Gerald Howarth, Aldershot:

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48 John Hudson, Oldham East:

"I cannot see any circumstances

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19 Stuart Jackson, Brent South:

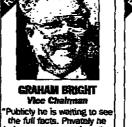
"He would never vote for a British

government to participate in creating a single European

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50 Robert Kinghorn, Norwich

North: "[1 am] opposed to a single

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ael Lavender does not support the

surrender of the pound to a single

European currency in principle."
52 Edward Leigh, Gainsborough:

"Under no circumstances will I

support a single European

53 Barry Legg, Milton Keynes South West: "No to a single currency." Publicity also contains

an article called "Why I am

against a single currency."
54 Oliver Letwin, Dorset West:

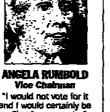
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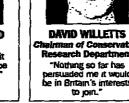
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60 Michael Loveridge, Crewe & Nantwich: "It is right for Britain to keep control over its own destiny and I oppose a European single currency ... As your member of parliament I would vote

against this." 61 Paul McGuinness, Regent's Park & Kensington North: "In Parliament, Paul McGuiness is interests in a Europe of nation states ... saying 'No' to a single

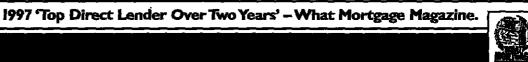
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56 Warwick Lightfoot, South East single currency." 64 Jonathan Peacock, Wakefield: Cornwall: "Warwick is opposed to will also fight to protect 57 Sir Peter Lloyd, Fareham: "Britain should certainly in the Britain from ... the idea of a European single next Parliament not join the single 65 Mark Prisk, Wansdyke: "has currency, if at all."
58 Tim Loughton, East Worthing & Shoreham: Tim ... opposes

pledged . . . to oppose the current plans for a stogle European currency. He says he will vote comments."

51 Michael Lavender, Hackney support a referendum on Britain's

44 Charles Hendry, High Peak North & Stoke Newington: "Michael Lavender, relationship with Europe. I am 66 John Redwood, Wokingham:



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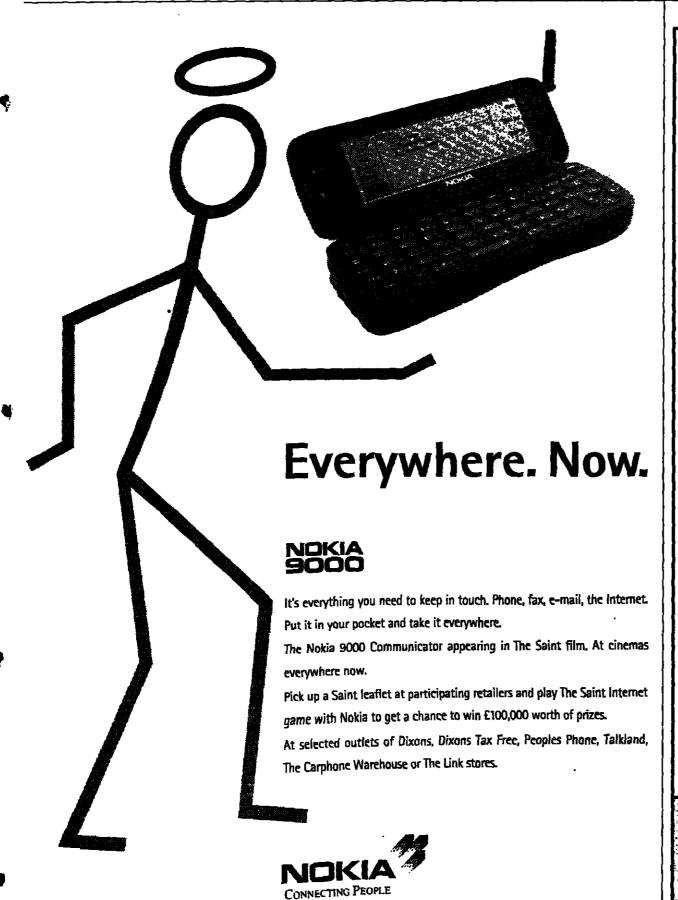
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## St Helena fumes over 'dictatorial' style of Governor

AN UNDERCURRENT of discontent is running through St Helena, one of Britain's most isolated dependencies. after its Governor left for London amid complaints by residents over his "dictatorial"

David Smallman set sail on mid-term leave shortly after protests in which a police van, weather station and two other vehicles were set alight. The incidents were mostly caused by one man, and the Foreign Office yesterday said it saw no evidence of a concerted campaign or any anti-government uprising.

The remote South Atlantic island, the site of Napoleon's exile, has seen growing frustration over rising unemploy-ment, currently 18 per cent, after the removal of the islanders' British citizenship in 1981. Matters came to a head last week when a small group of unemployed protesters embarked on an arson spree to demonstrate their anger with the Governor after the resignation of two members of their ruling council over govern-

When Bobby Robinson was elected to fill one of the vacancies as head of social services, the Governor refused to ratify the election and imposed his own appoint-

Suva: After a two-year absence, the Union Jack is

once again part of Tuvalu's

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Bikenibeu Paeniu,

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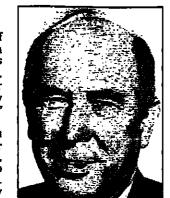
parliamentary vote last

week. Kamuta Laatasi, the

former Prime Minister

who removed the symbol from the small Pacific na-

tion's flag in 1995, bitterly



Smallman: says he sees no crisis on tiny island

ment. Mr Smallman is believed to have objected to Mr Robinson's appointment because he was involved in a incident last year when an angry crowd, again protesting at government cuts, broke into the Governor's office and grabbed him by the tie.

Although Mr Smailman was acting within his constitutional powers, one of those who resigned. Eric George. branded his actions as "dictatorial government". According to Corinda Essex, St Helena's government representative in Britain, the Governor is on the island's only passenger cargo ship, RMS St Helena, on his way to Ascension island, 700

there have been some new jobs Tuvalu flies flag again opposed the change. Mr Paeniu said: "We are reinstating the independence flag basically as a tribute to downs are growing. the fathers of our nation

who chose that flag in The parliament of the 9,000 Polynesian residents has restored the flag adopted after independence in 1978 — a yellow back-ground with the Union Jack in the top left corner try of Defence. and nine stars represent ing the nation's nine atolls.



general election on July 9. Mrs Essex, who grew up on the island but now works from a tiny office at her home in Bristol, said that underlying the unrest was the issue of British citizenship among the 6,000 islanders who are fiercely loyal to the Crown, despite naving free right of abode in Britain stripped from them by the Nationality Act in 1981.

She said: "When we had free right of abode in Britain many people came here to work and support their families by sending money back. Now it is difficult to obtain work per-mits and there are fewer than 100 islanders here, either studying or working."

Islanders are unhappy at the low rates of unemployment benefit, which can be as little as E12 a week. A job training scheme initiated in January 1995, allowing islanders to come to Britain for work experience, has procured only 35 placements in two years. Mrs Essex said: "Although

on Ascension and the Falklands, in MoD support services and construction, these have only been short-term contracts. There is no longterm security for the islanders. Many young people are demoralised by the prospect of never having a steady job. Problems with alcohol, petty crime and marriage break-Mrs Essex said the Govern-

ment's E8 million annual grant was essential. The island's economy suffers due to its extreme isolation. It has no airport; its nearest is in Cape Town, five and a half days away by sea. The RAF airfield on Ascension can be used only by those on government business or working for the Minis-

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Essex: arranged for six young islanders to get jobs in Bristol

## Frenetic Britain a culture shock for few given permission to work

By JOANNA BALE

ST HELENIANS have been living and working in Britain for two centuries. Most send money back to their families and return home after a few years, although a few have married and stayed.

Since losing their right to British itizenship, they have found it increasingly difficult to obtain work permits. Fewer than 100 are in Britain at present, either as students or workers. Some spoke yesterday of having difficulty adjusting to the more frenetic way of life

Priscilla Richards, 19. is suffering culture shock after coming to Bristol three weeks ago to work as a nurse in a care home for the elderly. She was among six young islanders who secured permits to work here after Corinda Essex, St Helena's government representative in Britain, met the home's owner at a recruitment fair. Priscilla, who has never visited said: "We haven't been out to see the

Britain before, confessed: "I really don't like it. Everything is so expensive. People are unfriendly and when I have paid off the £1,000 loan which I took out to get here. I will be going straight back."

Her friend, Donna Harris, 25, who is a trainee administrator at the home. said she missed St Helena but would like to stay in Britain. She said: Priscilla is very homesick, but I have been here before and you get used to it. Back home you would not dream of walking past someone in the street witout saying hello, but here they think you are weird.

"I miss the warm weather, the beaches and the clear blue sea. I also miss the easy-going way of life. Here everyone is in a hurry - and they are so concerned about crime. I borrowed

nightlife in Bristol yet, but I am astonished at how much it costs. It is £15 to go to a nightclub whereas on St Helena it is 50p to go to a dance. And even if you want just a burger here, it is expensive — £2.50 instead of 60p."

The nurses earn £122 a week almost a month's average wage on St Helena - but almost half goes on rent. Janice Yon, 18, said: "We are all young with no families to support, so it is not too bad, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work when we would probably be unemployed and living on £12 a week at home. We all hope to achieve qualifications here which will help us to get other jobs."

All were scathing about the Governor who, they claim, cares little about the island or its people — a mixture of British, Asian and African descent. Miss Richards, of Asian descent, said: "The last one was better because he was married to an islander. This one is

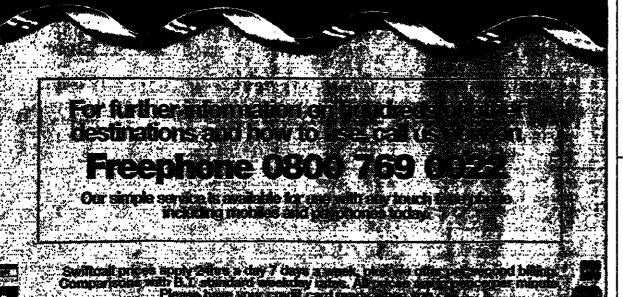
#### the boss's car recently and left it outside with the keys in the ignition. because it did not occur to me not to." Andrew Dillon, 29, also a nurse, always on Ascension or in England

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By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

WITH the handover of Hong Kong to China at midnight on June 30, Britain will be left with a handful of dependent territories scattered across the globe. Many are isolated islands relying on British aid and protection.

The 13 dependencies are all that is left of the British

Empire, but none is likely to demand independence, as their total population is less than 200,000. Ruled by British governors and with Britain responsible for their defence and foreign affairs, most have internal self-government.

Anguilla: Most northerly of Leeward Islands, colonised by English settlers from St Kitts, from which it sought separation in 1958. British military intervention in 1969 to restore

order. Formally separated from St Kitts in 1980. Dermuda: Britain's oldest colony, founded in 1609, now thriving on tourism and international finance. Self-governing dependency suffering independence movement and political attacks on the Gover-nor, Lord Waddington, Referendum on independence in 1995 led to victory for continued association with Britain. ☐ British Antarctic Territory: Wedge of land on Antarctica and including South Orkney Islands, South Shet-

ants apart from five scientific bases with about 70 researchers. Sovereignty claims hardly relevant following international Antarctic treaty. Uninhabited islands in the Indian Ocean, now important

land Island - a land mass of 656,000sq miles. No inhabit-

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British Virgin Islands:
Discovered by Columbus in 1493, annexed in 1672. Administered by Governor of Lee-

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Huge development pressures

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likely, with annual earnings of

£22 million from fish licensing and likely vast bonanza from

Gibraltar: Tiny isthmus of

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banking centre, with per capi-☐ Pitcairn: Isolated South Pata income of \$28,500, but sparking outside resentment of loophole status and accusations of money-laundering.

☐ Falkland Islands: South Atlantic archipelago as big as Wales, much in news since islands. Sea access difficult, 1982 conflict. Permanent Brit-

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evacuation of capital and southern half of island.

cific volcanic outpost, famously settled by Bounty mutineers in 1790 and now with population of only 53. Annexed as colony in 1838 and now including three other uninhabited

Imperial relics happy to be pink Governor resident in New Zealand, and intermarriage a big problem. Main income

from postage stamps.

St Helena. Ascension and Tristan da Cunha: Volcanic St Helena once a regular port for ships, now isolated and impoverished with no airstrip. Mixed-race, 5.000-strong population largely dependent on Government, with Britain subsidising budget shortfall. High unemployment with residents able to work only in Falklands or Ascension, where tiny island is used as British and American air base. BBC and cable relay station. Tristan da Cunha. settled in 1816, was evacuated in 1961 after volcanic eruption. but the residents voted to

South Georgia and South Sandwich: Former whaling stations with severe climate in Antarctica, now uninhabited except for scientists and small garrison during fishing sea-son. Separated from Falkland Islands after 1982 conflict. ☐ Turks and Caicos Islands: Part of Bahamas chain, former dependency of Jamaica. Chief Minister jailed in 1985 for drug offences, political tensions leading to inquiry and new constitution but renewed conflict with Governor in 1993 after attempted crack-

down on drug trafficking.

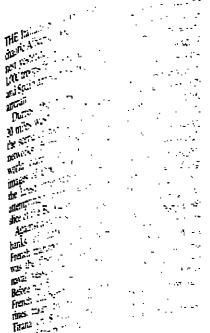
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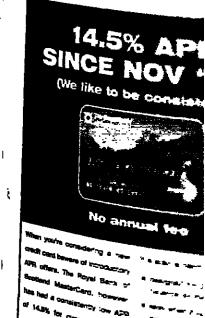


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## Troops run media gauntlet to take Albanian beaches

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THE Italian-led expedition to desperate cries of "partez. chaotic Albania began in earnest yesterday as more than 1,000 troops from France, Italy and Spain arrived by boat and aircraft.

Durres, the harbour town 20 miles west of Tirana, was the scene of media frenzy as networks from around the world clamoured for dawn images of Operation Alba the latest international force attempting to bring peace to a slice of the Balkans.

Against a sunrise broken by banks of dark cloud, the French transport ship Orage was the first in a queue of naval vessels into harbour. Before her final approach, 80 French "Jaubert" combat Marines, taken by helicopter to Tirana on Sunday, made a sweep of the port after Italian media-fed speculation of a guerrilla attack. As with much Italian media rumour during the Albanian crisis, it proved unfounded.

The Orage had to offload two landing barges, 20 more combat Marines and its two Super-Frolon helicopters before docking. But the biggest problem facing the 372 infantrymen and their more than 100 vehicles was the media scrum awaiting them; only to

partez, à gauche, à droite, s'ilvous-plait, messieurs," could disembarkation begin.

As Orage's six AMX wheeled tanks roared into port, the Italian transport ship San Marco dropped anchor alongside. The Italians attempted a contrasting approach, marching a small and surly contingent of their 200 troops straight at the media cordon, leading to an undignified tussle with a camera crew.

In biting cold conditions, most Albanians chose to stay at home, but two vanicads of police attempted to liaise with the international troops.

We are here in solidarity with the Albanian people, said Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard Dubois, a French military spokesman. "We hope to

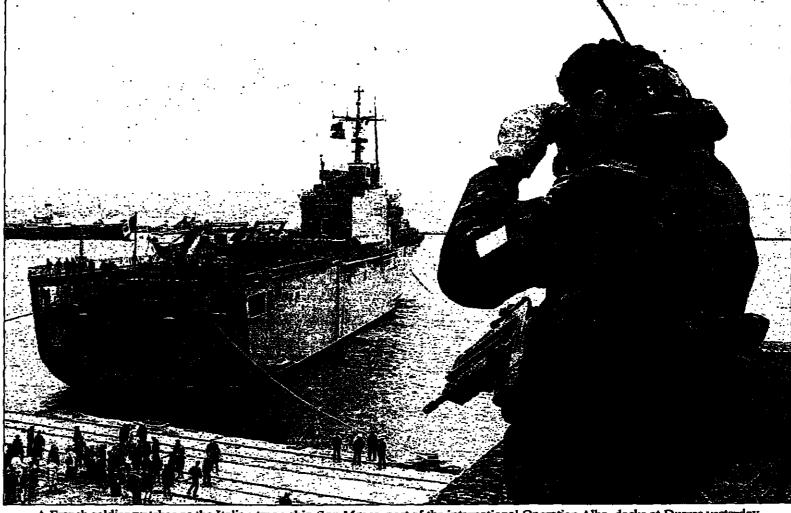


improve their life conditions." As for the troops' own quarters, he said: "We have no windows, no water and no electricity, but we are happy."

With most men and materials off the Orage by 8am, "secured" an hour later, the French taking positions around the harbour perimeter. Warehouses within are bare after the orgy of looting that gripped Albania last month, but observers were, nonetheless, relieved to see a substantial body of authority.

There is no other solution for us," said Kujtim Shima. the driver of the port's battered fire engine — a gift from Britain — against the back-drop of gutted buildings.

While it is immediately apparent that little resistance to Operation Alba is likely, the troops seem reluctant to address the central problem affecting security in Albania that most men are desperately poor, unemployed and often heavily armed. We are under no instructions to take guns from people," said Major Hervé Gourmelon, spokesman for the French advance unit. "We are looking at the logic of perhaps buying back



A French soldier watches as the Italian troop ship San Marco, part of the international Operation Alba, docks at Durres yesterday

are securing the environment of the port."

The Spanish transport ship Hernan Cortés was the third ship into Durres, landing 350 troops. By late afternoon most of the forces were either in their bases around the town, or at Tirana's Rinas airport, where military planes brought

150 Italian paratroops in yesterday. In Durres, French and Ital-

ian tricolours were ubiquitous, and dozens of French light-armoured vehicles, or 'frogs", were a familiar sight. More ships will arrive in the coming days, including on léon Bonaparte with 400 infantry, and the transport ships Cap d'Afrique and Ariana with more vehicles and supplies. Over the next six weeks a total of 6,000 troops will arrive coming also from Greece, Turkey, Austria. Denmark and Romania. Their main

task, to accompany aid con-

voys, will begin almost immediately. The United Nations' food arm, the World Food Programme, brought 400 tonnes of beans, wheat and oil into Durres yesterday.

"We were destroying ourselves and I see the troops as a very positive sign." Selami Dakoli, the

Deputy Mayor. "Thank God that we do not have the mentality that the foreigners are here to invade us."

He thought an arms buy back programme would not be justified, since most guns had been stolen. "The motive for

## French manoeuvre for bank chief job

PARIS has made a last-ditch attempt to install a Frenchman as head of the European central bank by promoting the cause of Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

According to German press reports, regarded as plausible. the French had proposed a trade in which Paris would support a German candidate for the leadership of the International Monetary Fund in return for the appointment of M Camdessus.

Bonn, however, seems set on the appointment of Wim Duisenberg, a Dutch central declared his determination to make the European bank work according to monetary. rather than political, rhythms. Mr Duisenberg is due to

take over as head of the European Monetary Institute this summer, and all the likely major participants in a monetary union - apart from France — have been assuming that he will continue when the EMI becomes a fully fledged central bank, some time in the spring of 1998. The EMI will next year make one of the most decisive contributions about who will be allowed to join

Reports that Paris has offered to back a German leader for the IMF in exchange for Eurobank domination are causing friction, writes Roger Boyes in Bonn

economic and Friction between Germany and France over the issue has been bubbling below the surface for over a year. with French bankers claiming a deal was struck when the EMI was sited in Frankfurt. Germany, they say, agreed then that a Frenchman would govern the bank. Bonn officials say no arrangement was reached, and they are deeply suspicious about the notional candidacy of M Camdessus.

The managing directorship of the IMF is not in the fieldom of the French. The appointment is usually given to a European (Frenchmen occupied the post between 1963-73 and 1978-87), while an American runs the World Bank. The French did not consult the Germans before prolonging the IMF mandate of M Camdessus and, according to one German official, "there is no earthly reason why the

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French should regard the IMF as part of their nomenklatura.

The Germans have always insisted that the European central bank should be governed by a candidate from a smaller European country, to demonstrate that Europe is



Camdessus: Germans deny agreement

German axis. Underpirming these reservations, however, is a more fundamental disagreement between France and Germany over the aims of a European central bank and the degree to which it should be politically influenced. For now, the EMI is sticking

not being run by the Franco-

to its combined task of schoolmaster and pioneer. It demonstrated both roles vesterday in its annual report, urging yet more budgetary discipline on candidates for monetary union. The incumbent EMI chief, Alexandre Lamfalussy. conceded that there had been against European inflation, in

convergence of long-term interest rates and the stability of exchange rates. "But in many countries budgetary policies are still very unsatisfactory." he said. Despite all efforts, most countries failed to make the 3

per cent of gross domestic product public deficit target in 1996. The EMI, he said, was particularly concerned about the manner in which budgets have been consolidated". In 1994 and 1995, budgets were balanced by spending cuts. but "in 1996 the emphasis

shifted away from reducing expenditure towards increasing income". He was also worried about the number of countries that were falling short of another Maastricht target: the total debt of 60 per cent of gross domestic product.

President Chirac, in an interview with the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung yesterday, sought to play down the tensions between France and Germany. "Our vision of the world is identical, and that explains out vision of Europe," he said.

☐ Maastricht promise: Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, emphasised that he would keep his promise to bring the German publicsector deficit down to within the Maastricht target. He was responding to a leak from the spring report of Germany's six economic research institutes which shows that Germany will miss the EMU goal and reach 3.2 per cent in 1997.

One of five economic advisers to the Government, Rolf Peffekoven, said the minister was being overly optimistic. and urged a delay in monetary union by between one and two



Tapie, serving a prison sentence, leaves work yesterday in Marseilles before returning to jail

## Jailed Tapie exercises his outside right

BERNARD TAPIE, the former flamboyant businessman serving a jail sentence in France, yesterday regained a taste of freedom by taking a job as a

During the day he works for Secna, a boat-building firm in Marseilles, returning to his cell at night. Tapie's friends point out that all French prisoners sentenced to less than a year can benefit from what is known as the semi-libertė system. However, to win day release, they need to show they have a job, something that only 4 per cent of inmates are able to do, given the high unemployment rate.

Taple is serving an eight-month sentence on match-rigging charges. Once the owner of Adidas, the chairman of Marseilles football club and the Minister for Urban Affairs under the late President Mitterrand, Tapie is known for his ruses. Media commentators say his new post could be the latest. giving him a few hours of freedom.

The job allows Tapie to call on his experience as the former owner of France's best-known pleasure craft, the yacht *Phocea*. In the 1980s he spent Fr68 million (£7.5 million) on a refit.

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sponded to a request by the United Nations World Food Programme for 200,000 tonnes of food aid for North Korea, a country reported to be in the grip of widespread famine. The new contribution, on the eve of critical talks in New York, brings the total of American food aid to \$33.4 million since late 1995.

American officials have insisted that there is no link between humanitarian assistance to the Communist regime and efforts to start fourparty talks between the Koreas, the United States and China. Without the promise of new stocks. North Korea said it would not consider any deal to take part in the talks. designed to turn the 43-year-

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old armistice on the divided peninsula into a permanent accord.

Pyongyang is to deliver its reply to the talks proposal in New York today. Earlier in the week the North Koreans accused the United States of working "hand in glove" with Japan and South Korea, and threatened to pull out of a 1994 agreement under which Pyongyang promised to stop

its nuclear power programme. The State Department, which has already accused Pyongyang of selling Scuds to Iran, has expressed concern about Japanese newspaper reports that North Korea is preparing to deploy longrange Rodong I missiles.

☐ Tokyo: North Korea vesterday commemorated the late President Kim Il Sung's 85th birthday by spending \$120 million on a mausoleum and monument, according to South Korea's official press (Robert Whymant Celebrations were staged to honour the former "Great Leader".

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## Jailed banker is 'sick and tired of lying for Clintons'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE day after Jim McDougal was said by prosecutors to have provided substantial new evidence against the Clintons. their former Whitewater partner last night said he was "sick and tired of lying" for the

McDougal, who received a three-year sentence on Mon-day instead of the maximum 84 years, said he had decided to co-operate with Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special counsel, in part because President Clinton had failed to pardon his jailed former wife,

"I wasn't so much con-cerned that he'd abandoned me, I felt he'd abandoned Susan," said McDougal, who has claimed Mr Clinton once had an affair with his wife. "I just got sick and tired of lying for the fellow, you know." In a nationally televised

interview with NBC last night, McDougal hinted that he had given the inquiry information that could implicate both Bill and Hillary Clinton. "I think they should be deeply concerned." McDougal

said. "I think the Clintons are really sort of like tornados moving through people's lives ... I'm just one of the people left in the wake of their

passing by."

He is believed to have reversed his original testimony to corroborate evidence given by David Hale, another Little Rock banker, that when he was Governor of Arkansas Mr Clinton was involved in soliciting an illegal loan of

\$300,000 (£185,000) for Mrs

McDougal. The President has denied

under oath that he was present at a meeting in 1986 when the loan was discussed. Mrs McDougal, refusing to testify against the Clintons last year, chose instead to be jailed for contempt of court.

In arguing for a lenient sentence for McDougal, who was convicted last May on 18 counts of fraud and conspiracy involving Whitewater, Mr Starr has supported his new account. The prosecutor said the former owner of Madison Guaranty, the bank at the centre of the Whitewater scandal, had provided documents, witnesses and information previously unknown to the vestigation.

The latest development has given new impetus to the inquiry and led Mr. Starr to



Bowles: giving evidence in Little Rock yesterday

## Harriman successor

Washington: President Clinton has selected Felix Rohatyn, an urbane investment banker, to succeed Pamela Harriman as US Ambassador to Paris (Tom Rhodes writes).

Speculation has long surrounded Mr Rohatyn, 68, a senior partner at Lazard Frères in New York and a big campaign donor to the Democratic Party. He was considered a possible candidate to replace Admiral William Crowe, the US Ambassador to London, but in recent weeks

became the firm favourite to succeed Winston Churchill's famous daughter-in-law, who died in February while swimming at the Ritz in Paris.

Mr Clinton has 14 vacancies for ambassadors, including Germany, Canada, Russia, and Japan, and Mr Crowe leaves London later this year. James Collins, a State Department adviser on former Soviet nations, is expected to go to Moscow, and Tom Foley, the former Speaker, may be sent to Tokyo.

an order that covers only three people, Jim McDougal, the President and the First Lady. Last night's interview

admit that the paper trail now

involved his original mandate:

marked the end of a flurry of disclosures by the White House, the Democratic National Committee and, amid Republican calls for her resignation, the rejection by Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, of demands for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate irregular fundrai-sing by the Democrats. The revelations were de-

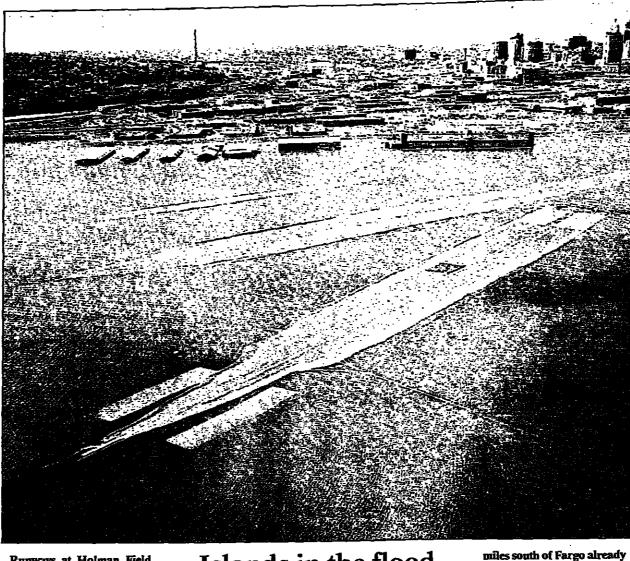
signed, in one damaging day, to combat a growing tide of negative publicity that has paralysed the President's efforts to negotiate substantive policy. The committee re-leased 10,000 fundraising documents, including a mem-orandum to the White House listing big donors to be considered for senior posts and

ambassadorships.
The White House also published a list of 56 contributors. including Jackie Onassis's former partner, Maurice Templesman, who have flown on on Air Force One in the past two years and a handful of others invited to the presidential retreat of Camp David in return for contributions to Mr Clinton's re-election fund.

However, attempts to dilute the renewed Whitewater revelations were unsuccessful. Among those included in the manifest of the presidential aircraft were three Democrats who had flown with the President and had paid large sums to Webster Hubbell, the convicted former Associate Attorney-General forced to resign from the Administration over his involvement in the failed Arkansas land deal.

Erskine Bowles, the White House Chief of Staff, was in Little Rock yesterday giving evidence before a grand jury about a further controversy: whether he and other Clinton aides had tried to steer "hush money" to Mr Hubbell as a reward for his silence over Whitewater and subsequent 21-month prison sentence.

Bronwen Maddox, page 22



Runways at Holman Field outside St Paul, Minnesota, become islands as the Mississippi river floods surrounding land. Nearby the Army Corps of Engineers

## Islands in the flood

released more water from a state line, adding 6in to the brimming reservoir on the swollen Red River and

cient documentation. It

raised questions about why

Louis Freeh, the FBI Director,

had failed to address concerns about the laboratory when

they were first raised publicly

by Mr Whitehurst in 1994.

The inspector said the agency had failed to confront the

Mr Bromwich singled out

FBI officials involved in the

Oklahoma bombing in April

1995, America's worst act of

terrorism, which killed 168

people. In what is certain to be

used as evidence by the de-

fence in the current Denver

trial of Timothy McVeigh, the

chief suspect, the inspector said the forensic team merited

"special censure" for its reli-

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ulative evidence about the

explosive used. The Justice

Department also documented

"serious and significant defi-

In response, the FBI said it

agreed with most of the

recommendations. Bill

Esposito, the FBI Deputy

Director, admitted "there was

a clear and serious failing in

not adequately detecting these

problems and ... moving swiftly enough to resolve

Centre investigation.

problems even earlier.

threatening an area about 45

devastated by melted-snow floods. In the North Dakota city, the river passed 37.88ft — its highest point this century - yesterday. (AP)

## Report attacks FBI | Duchess sprinkles for forensic errors

By Tom Rhodes

THE FBI crime laboratory, central to forensic evidence in the World Trade Centre and Oklahoma City bombings. made serious errors in both cases, an 18-month Washington investigation revealed yesterday.

A report by Michael Bromwich, an inspector-general from the Justice Department, recommended the removal of at least two departmental heads at the laboratory. But it failed to substantiate claims by Frederic Whitehurst, a forensic scientist, that technicians had perjured and fabricated evidence.

The document nevertheless detailed mistakes, including scientifically flawed and inaccurate testimony and insuffi-

# sugar on her prose

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN newspaper editors were yesterday offered their first look at a new weekly column co-written by the Duchess of York with an experienced biographer, Jeff Coplon.

The Duchess, still short of money despite her energetic promotional engagements, is eing paid about \$100,000 (£67,000) a year by the syndication department of The New York Times to lend her name to the column. In yesterday's first article she offered sorrowful memories - in places a little sugary — of Hector Barrantes, her late stepfather, and his Argentine burial.

On a recent trip to his grave, the Duchess "talked to Hector again, with just the crickets and aspens to answer back. I missed him more tragically than I ever had before". Under the routine syndica-

editing of the column, which is offered to provincial papers across the United States, is prevented. One suspects most self-respecting sub-editors

might otherwise excise "tragically" in the above passage. Similarly, the Duchess's prose might be answerable to allegations of a certain overripeness, as when describing

the fecund flora and fauna of the South American land-

scape. She wrote: "A spate of rain cleansed the air - the word "cleaned" might have sufficed - "and painted the land the hue of a billiard table. I could see for miles. Ostriches and armadillos and wild horses. I listened to the crickets and the silken breeze through the trees." Cleansing and painting? A mixed metaphor, perhaps, and "hue" is never as good as "colour". Breezes may be silken in teenage essays, but in newspapers they can blow without the adjective.

Yet these, arguably, are mere quibbles, and in many respects the Duchess writes more prettily than her rivals in the American syndication market. The column deserves a better take-up than the handful of titles which have so far accepted it. Her selfanalysis is well suited to the readership. Recounting her trips to South America, the Duchess wrote: "My visits to Argentina, to its endless acres of Van Gogh sunflowers, remain imprinted upon me.

They lent colour to my pale

teenage life." Argentina, she

said. is "my second home"

where "a part of me - perhaps

the best part - resides".

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## to Iran's men

ership is wholly male. (AP) 🐰

## \$12m reward

Las Vegas: Suzanne Henley, who waited for more than an hour to play her lucky casino slot machine, won a worldrecord \$12.5 million (£7.7 million). A man playing the machine offered to step aside for \$20, but Mrs Henley, of Las Vegas, was patient. (AP)

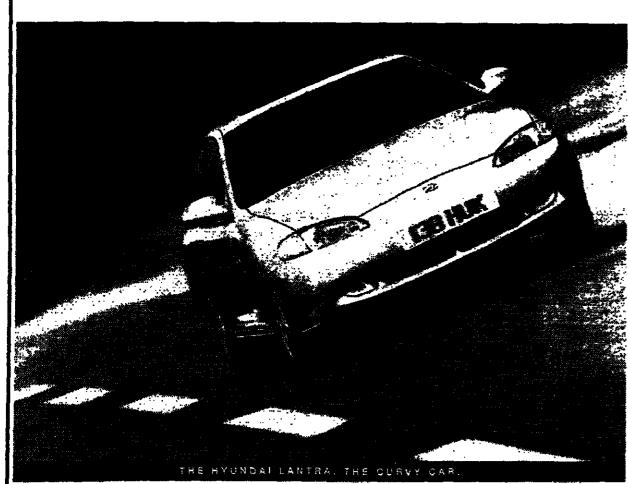
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## **Punctual President** handicapped by golf

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN MANILA

THE golfing victory of Tiger Woods in the US Masters led to President Ramos arriving late for the launch of a Philippines "punctuality

Mr Ramos, an avid golfer and fan of Woods, reportedly woke up at 4am to watch Woods live on television. But he went back to sleep after the game and overslept, the Manila Times reported.

He arrived an hour late for the 10am ceremony to launch the "punctuality week". Mr

Ramos has declared April 12-18 "National Consciousness Week of the Imperative for Punctuality and Respect for the Rights of Others".

Foreigners and locals who have grown up overseas complain that Filipinos regularly arrive for appointments an hour or more late.

Woods, 21, made golfing history by being the youngest champion and the first black to win the Masters in Augusta. Georgia, with the widest vic-

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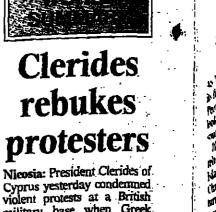
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Nicosia: President Clerides of Cyprus yesterday condemned violent protests at a British military base when Greek Cypriot villagers stormed a police compound and freed two detainees (Michael Theodoulou writes). He said their actions could damage relations with Britain when Cyprus needed London's support to enter the European Union and solve the longrunning Cyprus problem. The trouble started when British bases police arrested a Cypriot for alleged assault.

## Clyde's death shirt sold

San Francisco: A Nevada casino paid \$35,000 (£53,125), double the estimated price, for the bullet-holed, bloodstained shirt worn by outlaw Clyde Barrow when he and his girlfriend, Bonnie Parker, were ambushed and shot dead, Barrow's belongings from his bank-robbing days with Parker netted \$187,809. More than half will go to Marie Barrow, the outlaw's only surviving sibling. (AP)

## **Smoking law** backfires

Toronto: Faced with widespread defiance by smokers and complaints from businessmen. Toronto's city council has scrapped a five week-old bylaw that broke new smoking in virtually all bars sure allows restaurants and bars to set aside a small area

## Poll challenge

Tehran: The daughter of a late religious leader is to be the first woman in Iran to run for the presidency, the newspaper Iran reported. Azam Talegani, who is in her fifties, is head of the Islamic Women's Society and a campaigner for wom-en's rights. Iran's clerical lead-

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AS THE war in Sudan enters its fourteenth year, the Sudan People's Liberation Army looks poised to capture the southern capital, Juba.

If Juba falls, the racist and religious conflict between the Islamic north and the black Christian south will be at a turning point. The SPLA would then be able to shift more men and equipment to other fronts where government forces are battered and demoralised. With three simultaneous and widely sepa-rated fronts to defend, Khartoum has spread its



army and equipment so thinly that there is a risk of being Though its roots lie in the

pre-colonial Arab slave trade. Army, and has regularly been Government, desperate to the rebellion really started in written off by Africa-watch-prevent the capture of the 1950s, when disaffected southerners formed the Anyanya guerrilla movement to fight for political equality. A peace agreement was reached in 1972, but a decade later the imposition of Sharia (Islamic law) saw thousands of Nilotic tribesmen join the new SPLA led by John Garang, a southerner and former Sudanese army colonel.

Since then the SPLA has enjoyed and lost the support of Ethiopia under the now deposed Mengistu Haile Mariam, been riven by internal dissent won and lost bottles against the Sudanese

ers. Experts who solemnly predicted its demise over the years have been as surprised as Khartoum by the recent rebel successes.

In October last year the National Democratic Alliance, an unlikely grouping of the SPLA and Muslim opposition parties ousted by the military coup of General Omar al-Bashir in 1989, launched an offensive towards Damazine in the east, followed by a second offensive in the north, which threatened crucial rail and road links to Port Sudan.

The National Islamic Front

Damazine and the hydroelectric dam supplying 80 per cent of Khartoum's power, began conscripting university

and secondary school

One prisoner of war, Yasir Sheik Idris Agib, 18, from Khartoum, said that after being press-ganged from school he received 15 days' training, much of it on his sacred duty to the jihad, or holy war. Each of his class was given a tightly folded page of the Koran encased in plastic, and a key, the first as a talisman against infidel bullets and the second, to unlock the gates of heaven in the event the first failed.

The Sudanese Army is clearly inadequate to its task of defeating the SPLA. Since the Islamic Front seized power, much of the army's professional officer corps has been replaced by Muslim fundamentalists with more faith in

theology than tactics. On March 9, after eight months' planning and intensive training of 15,000 new recruits, the SPLA opened a third major front in the south with an attack on Kaya, a strategic garrison near the Ugandan border. Within three days the SPLA had advanced almost 60 miles, killing or capturing more than 3,000 government soldiers and taking thousands of tonnes of ammunition and equipment

Yei, the second largest town in the south, fell to the SPLA as the rebel forces continued their advance towards Juba. To the east, the government base at Kajo Kaji on the Nile was overrun and a second SPLA axis aimed northward. The sole attempt at a counterattack by government forces was defeated 40 miles south of

A week later the SPLA destroyed a government brigade at Jambo Corner, seizing more than 30 abandoned

tanks, and began advancing on Juba from the west. As the SPLA closes the net around Juba, aid organisations are evacuating their personnel while outlying army garrisons are withdrawing into defensive positions, hoping for relief from Khartoum.

It may soon be a forlorn hope. The one land route from the north, a deeply rutted laterite road, may already have been cut.

With victory within its grasp, the SPLA, knowing that the bulk of any available food will be used to sustain the army, is likely to ignore United Nations demands for emergency relief flights.

## Yeltsin shrugs off Duma to give Kohl looted work of art

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin is today expected to make a dramatic gesture of reconciliation with Germany when he returns to Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. a token work of art from the huge collection looted from Germany in 1945.

In the face of furious opposition from Russian parliamentarians and art lovers, the Russian leader will make a small but symbolic step towards resolving a sensitive issue in relations with Germany when he meets Herr Kohl in the German resort of Baden-Baden.

The disputed treasures consist of about 200,000 works of art, from French Impressionist masterpieces to the Schliemann collection of gold artefacts from ancient Troy. The works were seized by Soviet forces in the final days of the Second World War and their whereabouts were kept secret until they were revealed in a series of stunning exhibitions at Moscow's Pushkin Museum and the Hermitage

in St Petersburg.
While the gift of one work will not resolve the problem, it sets an important precedent and will give hope to German tors that they might one day get all the treasures back. The daily Nezavisimaya anything."

Gazeta newspaper reported yesterday that the Russian leader had drawn up a secret decree which envisaged handing back all the looted treasures. However, any conciliatory move will reignite the heated debate in Russia, where a large part of the population believes the works should be kept as restitution for the destruction by German forces of Russian culture dur-

ing the Second World War. The Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, is due today to vote on a Bill proposed by the Duma, the lower house, calling for the trophy art to remain in Russia. If the Federation Council approves the Bill, Mr Yeltsin will have to pass it into law within seven days or refer it to the Constitutional Court.

Irina Antonova, the director of the Pushkin Museum and a strident advocate of keeping the art treasures, said yesterday that Mr Yeltsin's opposition to the new law was the result of "insufficient and inaccurate information".

"The Bill recognises that the displaced valuables that have been in Russia's keeping for 52 years are the property of the "I am convinced that Russia does not owe anybody

Whatever the moral and historical arguments, the destiny of the artworks seems once again to be dictated by political considerations. Mr Yeltsin's unexpected gift is due partly to his long and close friendship with Herr Kohl, but it is also motivated by the fact that Russia needs all the

friends it can get in the West. After the Helsinki summit last month between the Russian leader and President Clinton, the Kremlin was left in little doubt that its influence over Washington policymakers and its prestige internationally is waning. The summit ended with the two sides "agreeing to disagree" over plans by Nato to extend its membership to former Warsaw Pact nations, Russia has given its tacit approval to expansion so long as its security concerns are enshrined

in a charter with 1 ato. However, the details of the charter are still proving a problem. Yesterday Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, failed to resolve the terms of the deal when he met Javier Solana, Nato's Secretary-General.

For Mr Yeltsin the support time could well be worth the price of a masterpiece from Russia's huge collection.



A Rwandan child is measured at a camp near the rebel-held town of Kisangani yesterday. The refugees are to be flown back home soon

## Kinshasa paralysed for second day amid farce and danger

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

ZAIRE'S capital was paralysed for a second day yesterday by strikes and a failed "motorised march" planned by opposition leaders who spread a layer of absurdity over a dangerously volatile Kinshasa.

Mazanga Mazara, lying on a plank outside the home of Etienne Tshisekedi, one of the opposition leaders, explained that the anti-Mobutu procession of vehicles had been crippled by the absence of cars on the streets to steal for the event.

"It was handicapped. No one is driving in the city because they don't want their cars to get stolen," said the "president" of a local cell in the Union for Democracy and Social Progress. Zaire's main civilian opposition party. "But the city is dead anyway," he added.

On the second day of protests organised by the Union's leader. Mr Tshisekedi, students and schoolchildren boycotted their classes in Kinshasa. Most businesses re-mained closed in fear that a public demonstration against President Mobutu Sese Seko would spark a violent crackdown by police and soldiers which could spread into violent anarchy. Apparently without irony, the

Union sprinkled leaflets all over the capital on Monday, saying cars would be "commandeered" by striking students for the "drive against Mr Mobutu" and that their owners should ensure their tanks were filled with petrol before they were taken.

Mr Mazanga seemed surprised did venture out kept well away from Kinshasa's universities and colleges. The motorised march was only supposed to be for the young anyway," he sighed. Mr Tshisekedi, who claims the title of Prime Minister but who has no Government, was yesterday "working in his office". And "so is his Cabinet", said Mr Mazanga.

Zaire has another Prime Minister. General Likulia Balongo, who was appointed last week by President Mobutu. Even Mr Mazanga admitted that Mr Tshisekedi was a "Prime Minister without function".

Although a politician who has a well-earned reputation for sleeping through crises and failing to harness the tides of Zaire's recent history, Mr Tshisekedi has managed to focus the desire of Kinshasa's five million population on getting rid of their President after 32 years and is likely to remain an important player in a

post-Mobutu regime.

More than half the rest of the vast country, including all major cities in the interior, which generate at least 90 per cent of Zaire's national income, is now in the hands of the rebel leader, Laurent Kabila.

He received a turnuluous welcome in Lubumbashi. Zaire's second largest city. But some people were anxious yesterday that his Tutsi officers, many originally from Uganda and Rwanda, should not take government positions, and insisted the rebels should hold local elections as they had in Kisangani.

"Tshisekedi may be a bit of a joke, but he is at least purely Zairean. He will be a significant factor in the want to be ruled by Rwandans and Tutsis; we hate them," said a senior businessman in the capital.

## Tug-of-war over Bonn's six-tonne doughnuts

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A HUGE Henry Moore sculpture is in the middle of a fierce tug-of-war between Bonn and Berlin as the Germans prepare

to shift their political capital. Large Two Forms, which weighs around six tonnes, squats outside Helmut Kohl's Chancellery and is supposed to give some international glam-

our to the dull and dark aluminium offices in Bonn. Berliners are insisting that the sculpture be transported to the new Chancellery, but the citizens of Bonn want to keep it in place. Herr Kohl has not, as yet, expressed an opinion. The sculpture was acquired in 1979 by Helmut Schmidt who, unable to find a suitable German sculptor, travelled to Much Hadham in Herefordshire to look

up Henry Moore. The DM500,000

(£180,000) bronze work is one of three the others are in New York and Toronto and vaguely resembles massive metallic half-eaten doughnuts.

it has become a symbol not so much of Herr Schmidt's aesthetic leanings as of his successor's physical bulk. Whenever a politician of generous dimensions visits Herr Kohl, such as President Yeltsin who is due in Germany this week, there are jokes about the "Large Two Forms".

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# At last... a truly new dress

The recent fashion shows failed to provide any startlingly modern ideas. Now, at last, the designer Junya Watanabe, who started his own collection for Comme des Garçons five years ago, has come up with a really original dress, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry





LEFT: Mandarin collar aproli, £925 by Junya Watanabe for Comme des Garçons. Diagonal pleat trousers, £400 by Issey.

Miyake. Both at Liberty. ABOVE LEFT: Dress, £645 by Yohji Yamamoto at Liberty. ABOVE RIGHT: Embroidered pents.

£699 by Junya Watanabe for Comme des Garçons at Liberty. Wooden clogs, £95 from Russell & Bromley.

Photographer: JULIAN MARSHALL, Stylist: Deborah Brett. Hair: Martyn Gayle for Martyn Gayle Hairdressing, London WI, 0171-792 5656. Make-up: Helen Bannon, Model: Natasha Clancy (Select)

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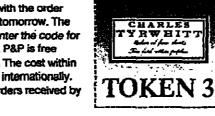
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CHANGING TIMES

## Shopping for enlightenment

■ t has taken years of dedicated research, and the sums of money involved don't bear thinking about (if I'd put them into property instead of personal adornment, we would now be occupying a penthouse in Chelsea instead of a tiny, falling down cottage at the wrong end of Greenwich), but at last I think I've mastered the Zen of shooping for clothes. The secret is: never, ever go shopping with anvone else.

Now, as the distillation of nearly a quarter of a century's uninterrupted love affair with fashion, this may not sound like much of a revelation. But consider for a moment how seldom one ever does go shopping unaccompanied. From adolescence to motherhood, one passes through the four ages of communal shopping, with barely a garment purchased without a kind of committee vote beforehand.

It all starts in one's early teens. when the answer to the question "What are you doing on Saturday," is in-"Going variably down the shops" For little girls in towns all over England, Saturday mornings shimmer with the promise of what treasures the high street may turn up. In a primi-

tive form of the process that later develops into Getting One's Eye In, they troop in giggling gangs through Top Shop and Miss Selfridge, trying on every hat in the place. and testing a different colour of varnish on each fingernail.

This is Britain's nearest equivalent to the passegiata, the graceful European courtship ritual in which everyone parades up and down the main drag of an evening to see and be seen. Clutching their little bags containing glass bead friendship bracelets, and cropped mesh T-shirts with a shocking pink fake fur heart appliqued between the breasts, the jeunes filles en fleurs of the suburbs sweep haughtily homewards, pretending not to notice the waiting knots of youths who have assembled to admire them. The only problem is that pocket money doesn't stretch to anything much more substantial than a T-shirt. Which

JANE SHILLING **GETS DRESSED** is where Shopping with Mother comes in. In your teens, she saying "Yeah, it's all right, I suppose", when you ask him if

keeps a firm grip on the purse he likes you in a violet twostrings. No, you and she will piece costing amonths' salary. The really bad news is if he not be looking for a party frock in Kockai. You will try Laura starts to take an interest. Ashley, where something suit-Before you know where you able will certainly be found. are, he has mastered the only probably in needlecord. As the subject about which he didn't years pass, your joint shop-ping trips afford your mother already know everything. He hogs your Vogue, understands exactly what Lady Harlech a rare opportunity for dis-obliging reflection on all kinds does at Chanel, and discourses of topics which she wouldn't about the relative merits of Tom Ford and Mark Jacobs normally dare raise - viz. the fact that you are still not until you think you might take off your new Hermes searf married, indeed appear not even to have a regular boyand gag him with it. friend, and could this be Partly to escape this, you ring up your best friend. What

because you are Letting Yourself Go? She saw a very good diet in one of her magazines. Perhaps you would like her to send it to shopping you. And while she is on the subject. would you like a subscription to Dateline?

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Given the volatility of the relationship it is amazing that anyone goes shopping with their mother.

ever. But somehow we do. Particularly at moments of major stress. Why, when the elusive boyfriend has finally proposed, do we take our mother with us to buy the wedding dress? So that, sitting to attention on her spindly gold chair, with her neat little legs smartly crossed, she can breathe in sharply as we emerge from the dressing room, looking like a lace and crèpe de chine sausage, and say: "Good heavens, darling, when I married your father he could span my waist with his

The only thing worse is going shopping with one's husband. In the first flush of love, everyone thinks what a good idea it would be to take him along to give one the benefit of his opinion. If you are very lucky, he is merely bored to tears and spends the whole time checking out the beautiful shop assistants and

Patsy than Girl Gangs. You arrange to meet at Harvey Nicks for a little recce and lunch. The reare uncovers a ravishing Ozbek shell top with multi-coloured dots and a Calvin Klein frock of achingly austere perfection. What a shame that they cost, together, roughly twice your month's mortgage repayment. You trot up to the restaurant and have a glass of champagne. Oooh well, go on then, just one more. An hour later, you teeter armin-arm back down to the first floor, where the Ozbek and the Klein look prettier than ever. Oh go ON, says your best friend. You deserve it. Dammit, I do, you think, inscribing a wavering signature on the

credit card slip. The exhilaration lasts all the way to the bus stop. The repentance is awful. You drive your husband, your mother and your best friend into a collective coma of boredom with your plaintive promises never, ever to go shopping again. It is time you got a grip. The solution is simple. Always shop alone. Never apologise, and never explain.



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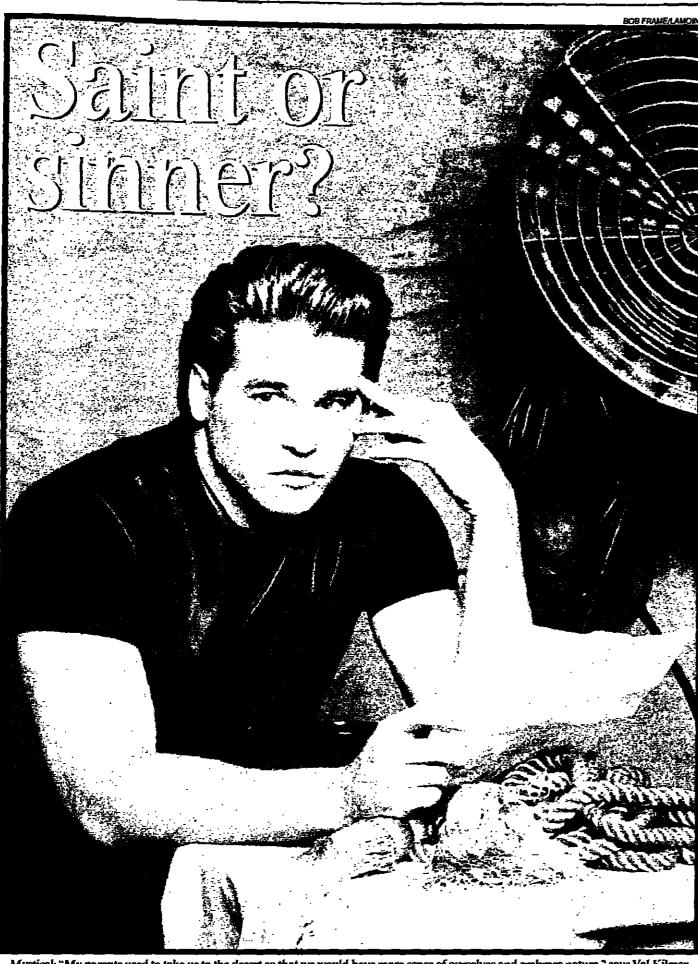
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Mystical: "My parents used to take us to the desert so that we would have more sense of ourselves and embrace nature," says Val Kilmer

#### Deciphering psychobabble is usually **Noreen Taylor's** forte, but an interview with Val Kilmer, the new Simon Templar, leaves her bemused

isten to Val Kilmer for a couple of minutes and you crave the simple joys of a party political broadcast. Any party. Any broadcast. Here's Val on his upbringing: "A spirited foundation that gave me a notion. The US is rooted in expansionism. moral prices

that are active." Perhaps he is a little more articulate about feelings. What makes you angry. Val? A long. sombre silence follows. After a moment, I prompt him. Injustice maybe?

"Huh, sure ... though very encouraged recently by people trying to move forward when it comes to basic prejudices."

The personal pronoun is not the only thing missing from his sentences. Sense also takes flight, In his latest film. The Saint, he risks his life to save a woman. Would he do the same in the real world? "Wouldn't be able to live with self if you didn't. There are elements of nature rather than a sense of well-being. Man's greatest downfall is when he places himself above life and people who live close to life don't."

Though I am adept at deciphering the psychobabble employed by so many American stars. Val's patois defeated me. He was in London to promote The Saint, the latest revival of Leslie Charteris's elegant English hero, Simon Templar. Never mind that Val bears not even a whiff of a resemblance to the debonair persona of the Charteris nov-Sly with computer toys.

I avoid offering this frank appraisal since Val has a reputation for being difficult. The film industry buzzes with colleagues' complaints about his arrogance and high-handed behaviour. Joel Schumacher, director of

Batman Forever, described him as "the most psychologically disturbed human being I have ever worked with".

John Frankenheimer, director of The Island of Doctor Moreau, confided: "I will never climb Mount Everest and I will never work with Val Kilmer again. There isn't enough money in the world."

Until he opens his mouth. Kilmer is truly impressive. He has a row of shining teeth and smiles like one of those prewar cowboy stars. He is also deeply handsome.

Dressed in jeans and an open-necked shirt, he stands as I enter the room at the Dorchester offering me water and a cigarette. But I am wading in treacle the moment I ask a question. He continues to smile as I mention the gossip that labels him difficult.

"Abstract alleyways." he says. Those are lies based on flattery. ) work hard. One of those people was a director I turned down twice. A personal thing, you can figure that. The business community knows what happened. Audiences aren't affected." I tell him of

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another story, which is surely people supposedly phoned a theatrical costumiers to make an appointment for him and informed the assistant that Mr Kilmer would be fitted only by

a girl who is size eight. "Doesn't sound familiar." he says. "I have had the good fortune to have the same dresser in all of my movies."

And there are those who claim that Americans have no sense of irony! Why has he comparatively few films? "In relation to my contemporaries, I have made few films. Unlike people such as Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise. Tom has made some courageous choices. He has power over what he can do."

I gently remind him that what I want to know is why. It transpires that it was due to a promise he made to his former vife, British actress Joanne Whalley, mother of his two

"I realised it was very hard to be a foreign actress in the US. She wanted to work and we discussed this in detail before we married. If she

🕇 he couple's eight-year marriage ended last February. He says that their two children - Mercedes, five. and Jack, two - are "what makes me happy. Love is large compared to the everyday things in

> Both children live in Los Angeles with their mother. They are two unique little people. My daughter is very confident about what she's interested in doing," he says. "She's not spoilt like a lot of Hollywood kids."

> He has claimed that theirs was the second most expensive divorce in New Mexico. Property division was not without its entanglements, either: Val claimed that two Impressionist paintings were missing on his return home, which surprised him, since he thought

> she wasn't that interested. Shortly afterwards, he was heard asking someone on a film set: "Do you think this was cruel to my ex-wife, to give my son a drum for Christmas?

A big drum, double-sided." His own parents divorced when he was nine. Was he disappointed at being unable to break that mould? "Although my parents divorced. they set their differences aside. I'm grateful for that. I have joyful references as a parent, a very solid sense of encouragement of my own interests. But his childhood was not without its own drama. His father made and lost a fortune developing real estate. Brought up on the ranch that Roy Rogers once owned in San Fernando valley, he has described the Kilmer childhood as "Tom Sawyer stuff".

Yet one of his two brothers, Wesley, drowned during an epileptic fit in the family swimming pool when he was 16. His other brother, Mark, a doctor, claims that Val doesn't want him in his life any more.

At 17, Val was the youngest student ever admitted to the drama department of New York's prestigious Juilliard school. "Since then I have been looking after myself."

Was it anxiety that prompted his need to control what went on around him?

"No, I don't suffer from anxiety. It has taken me a long time to figure out calmness, a sense of well-being within nature. My parents used to take us on trips to the desert so that we would have more sense of ourselves. Embrace nature.

Now 37, he lives alone on a ranch in Sante Fe. New Mexibuffalo and horses because he feels "a sense of well-being in a rural environment. More in touch with nature.

"I've been privileged living with interests other than movies. I've learnt from it. Now I'm doing job after job." To date, the jobs have included playing Jim Morrison in The Doors, Elvis Presley in True Romance, Doc Holliday in Tombstone, and opposite his hero Brando in The Island of Doctor Moreau.

couldn't have asked for more. Filming in Africa. Working with people like De Niro. and Brando, whom I've admired from childhood."

Doing a passable impression of Brando, he repeats some advice on social conditioning offered by the great one: "I've spent 50 years trying to get over the first ten."

Kilmer is now writing a film based on the life of littleknown English explorer and unthropologist Adrian Boushier, who died in 1978. with whom he feels he has much in common. "I am fascinated by other people and their cultures. I will play Boushier, a most compelling man, someone who led a life full of mystical experiences. I'm looking for a director." ● The Soint opens this Friday at

Enid Blyton was always a subversive — and children know it

## The secret power of Noddy and Big Ears

sanction from the National Centre for Research into Children's Literature to tell us, but there it is: Enid Blyton is rescued from disapprobation and well-intentioned scorn and de-clared A Good Thing. Now, while I agree, broadly speaking, I don't know quite how much I approve of

her hearty rehabilitation. Yes, we all know how absurd it might have been to condemn Noddy and Big Ears as insidious purveyors of a racist worldview, or try to ban her books from schools and libraries on grounds of snobbery and sexism, but the point is, Enid Blyton was always disapproved of. The reasons may have been different in my day, but she was considered no less a bad

In either case, the fear is illfounded. I wallowed in the Mallo-Naughtiest Girl in the School (1 always found the Famous Five drearily suburban) and from that I learnt that reading was pleasur-able, that reading was the best escape route into a rich, imaginative, private world, that reading was a delight and a solace and that books were the best company. From Blyton I went on to the Brontes, to Tennyson, to Aldous Huxley and Oscar Wilde. (Baldly speaking, these were my teenage passions.) In short: Enid Blyton taught me how to read.

But I can scarcely describe the scorn of my English teachers or the disbelieving envy of my school-friends, who were all banned from reading Enid Blyton at home, and would scrounge my cast-offs, devouring them with the greedy zeal of the samizdat-reader. Perhaps it is to the point that children like reading whatever figures of authority regard as rubbish, I don't know. But I do know it is wrong to depict Enid Blyton as the safe. smiling face of the golden age of childhood which has now disappeared. She was always considered subversive: she wrote for our benefit, not for parental approval.

What's more, her childhood was very different from the fantasy lives of her characters — as different as it was from the life of most of her readers. That was why we liked her. Too much of contemporary disdain has been promoted by the mistaken belief that Blyton



Nigella Lawson

age of which we now heartily and politically disapprove. Nothing could be further from the truth. Blyton was a fantasist; she wrote to escape from her own life and understood that was just why children read, too. When I was a child, there was a

prim sense that literature should be improving: now it is meant to be relevant. But it is to misunderstand a child's thought processes the way the imaginative mind works - to think that one can work out in advance whether a book can be either of these things. The contract between a book and a reader is always a private one, and

needs no outside interference in the form of governessy fingerwagging. Anyone who thinks books serve any purpose other than to delight and (sorry to sound so mimstly New Agel to nourish should be kept out of the way of both books and children. I am quite prepared to believe that a child from an inner-city council estate could find pleasure

and meaning in an Enid Blyton

caper: fiction works by reflecting

our inner lives, not merely the surface of our quotidian reality, as Bruno Bettelheim understood when he wrote about fairy tales in The Uses of Enchantment. I haven't read Enid Blyton for some time, but I am perfectly prepared to believe that her characterisations are every bit as crass and crude as my teachers sniffily was a realist writer chronicling an pointed out. We may be right to theirs.

beyond the literature of stereotypes, but for children it serves a liberating, transformational

All this may sound a very high minded way of defending Enid Blyton, and if so, I'm sorry. Nothing will stop children from reading her faster than to be told how good for them she is - and that's the last thing I'd want to do. In fact, writing this now has made me want to do nothing more than go and hide somewhere with a copy of The Fifth Form at Mallory

And I don't think one should apologise for one's low literary urges. When Philip Larkin was asked once about the consolations of literature, his interviewer, expecting a rather erudite reply, was surprised when Larkin said that when he felt really depressed, he helped himself out of it by staring into the bathroom mirror and saying: "I am Mrs de Winter now."

ompulsively readable though it was, there was something so dispiriting about the piece in yesterday's Times about teaching babies sign language. By some coincidence, I had just been thinking that, in a way, I found it sad that my nine-month-old baby was on

the verge of acquiring language.

For the extraordinary thing is how much can be communicated without words. I disagree vehemently with the proposition that underpins the theory that it is an improvement to set babies speaking sign language, which is that one is frustratingly unable to understand what a baby is trying to say before it can talk. That couldn't be further from the truth. From a mother's perspective at any rate, it is rather the opposite: that the communication before language is acquired is extraordinariy total. It is right and good that babies do learn to talk, but in gaining language, this other, strong wordless means of communication is thereby lost.

I don't exactly lament that, although one sometimes can't help but feel rather mournful as one stage is given up for the next. Babies can express themselves perfectly well as it is: any communication problem is decidedly not

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## Alan Coren



Let this be our motto: equal sleaze for all

he deadline was 4pm today, and I have just made it. Only just it was nip and tuck, I had to park on the double yellow outside the town hall and hobble pitifully from my car on cannily borrowed crutches to appease the sprinting meter-maid, but she gave me five minutes, and I have slithered under the wire. It is exactly what my supporters would have expected of me. They trust me to slither under anything. That is why their lapels so proudly sport my party rosette and the emblematic little creature at its heart: let others dispute the ownership of mangy lion and toothless buildog, let others dispatch and coursess outloog, let others dispatch chickens to do their dirty work, we have the lizard. Its voracious little tongue flicks ever in and out, its eager eyes swivel separately and endlessly, missing nothing, and should anyone try to apprehend it, its tail comes off in their hands fracing it to specific and in their hands, freeing it to scuttle off and slither under the nearest stone, to fight

Yes, I have registered as the official Sleaze Party candidate for South Cricklewood. For it came to me, a week or so ago. that there was, to quote our party slogan, a gap in the market. There invariably is; that is what markets are for, just as laws are for loopholes. This particular gap was created by the outrageously negative candidacy of that white-suited sepulchre, Mr Martin Bell, who is standing, in every sense, for nothing, thereby not only disenfranchising the good people of Tatton but, far worse, plunging the less good people of Tatton into desolation at the prospect of ending up with an MP who would do them no good at all.

Well, it shall not happen in South

Cricklewood. I have been out on the stump these seven days past, and I do believe I have my finger on the electoral pulse. I know what people want. I have, for example, not met one single painter, decorator, plumber, electri-cian or roofer who did not stand four-square behind our manifesto pledge to exempt from VAT all bills settled in used notes. Moreover, when I suggested that a typical parliamentary question from me might be: "May I draw the House's attention to the fact that Messrs Chas Foskett & Stepbrother are in a position to rewire an entire four-bedroomed home. plus remove all rubbish from site and make good, for less than two grand?" there was unequivocal backing from every professional doorstep. I have to say, too, that the twin planks of our road policy (privatised MoT tests at mutually agreed fees with an upper limit of £500 for certificates on death-traps, and sales of roadside camera negatives to be negotiated personally between police and offenders) raised almost as many cheers with motorists as our pledge to means-test NHS waiting-lists — by giving admissions staff the chance to find out what means might be going — did with patients.

any of my prospective constituents were, not surprisingly, deeply con-A cerned over the appalling crime figures, so I was delighted to be able to reassure them about the measures that we in the Sleaze Party would take to reduce them. Fraud, for example, is a dirty word, and we are committed to looking for a much nicer one, with a view to making fraud a very rare crime indeed, and there is also a very good chance that we shall be in a position to decriminalise corruption altogether, two proposals which met with immense enthusiasm on the majority of middle-class doorsteps; while working-class households were no less attracted by my party's view, both humane and practical, that portable office equipment, frozen chickens, tools, overalls, lightbulbs, roller-towels, fan-heaters, canteen cutlery, and any other items not nailed down should go with the job. as they so frequently tend to anyway.

I wish only that time allowed me to expatiate on all the other radical policies which the people of Cricklewood (and, I have no doubt, the rest of the country) wish to see implemented, concerning everything from the small beer of gas-meters and television licences to the large beer of fact-finding missions to Cap d'Antibes for all and the availability on free prescription of nubile minor actresses with their own premises, but time is what I do not have. Barely three weeks remain, and I haven't even bought my black suit yet.



# Seeing, not believing

am going to break the habit of a lifetime and discuss my voting intention. This is the first election in which I have gone so long still treading water. The pollsters tell me there are thousands like me. We all appear to be suffering Syndrome '97.
The symptoms are clear. Inclined to a change, we find that every time Tony Blair says something with which we strongly agree, our feet start running

Consistency is indeed the hobgoblin of small minds. No man can have endured an honest career in public affairs without one Damascene conversion, preferably as early as possible. The finest opinions are the product of thoughtful trial and error. Yet Mr Blair's ideological wanderings during this election are becoming pathological. He seems without any anchor at all. I once knew a Mr Blair whose commitment to Europe was 100 per cent, whose belief in trade union rights was no less firm, who vehemently opposed privati-sation, whose liberalism on crime and punishment was impeccable and whose enthusiasm for devolving power to local and regional bodies was sincere. I believe that, at various times, this Mr Blair himself thought himself sincere. I do not know this man today. I see someone quite different. And if I see someone different today, I wonder whom I shall see tomorrow.

The Labour Party has become a kaleidoscope of shifting sincerities. If the Iron Lady achieved one great task. was in wiping Labour's ideological slate clean and taking away the chalk. Even old troopers such as Ken Livingstone and Dennis Skinner can only stand round gulping through their gags. Mr Blair appears to regard his past sins in the cause of old Labour as "spent convictions". They are to be erased from his record. Like Prince Hal at his coronation, he turns on the Falstaffs of old Labour and rebukes them: "Leave gormandising. Know the grave doth gape for thee thrice wider than for other men." He adds that devastating epitaph on friendship: "Presume not that I am the thing I was."

Did I, Tony Blair, once tell you that privatisation was a heartless Tory immick? No, it can be most efficient. Did I declare that I would never obstruct the workings of the European Union? No, it will help to save British fish. Did I say I would reverse Tory union laws? Well, in a manner of speaking. Tony Blair's sudden shifts do not convince

me. The more he says what I like to

hear, the less I like him for saying it

Was I liberal on crime or forward on education? Never. Was I really so enthusiastic about councils or assemblies raising their own taxes? Come. Mr Jenkins, where is your sense of history, or perhaps of humour. This is no place for the ghosts of pledges past. . New Labour occupies the high ground of flexibility. Indeed it flexes the occupation of high ground. Not to mention grinding the flex of high occupation. New Labour is new words, new politics, new meaning, no meaning. Heigh ho, it's off to Downing Street we go.

As theatre, this is great stuff. While old Labour falls back in disarray, the hordes of luvvies, quickie-millionaires.

think-tankers and journalists rush squealing to the trough. They see no policy. They want to see no policy. But they can smell power. New Lab-our is old Tories, old Liberals, old Social Democrats, old bank-

ers, old Jesuits, old bishops, old Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all. The spectacle is

ignity might appreciate some explanation for this tergiver-sation. But Dignity is not standing at this election. She has vanished to a nunnery. The grab power is never nice. Already the antechambers of new Labour are filled with supplicants. Their eyes are wide and their pockets are bulging with billets doux. Mr Blair's pledge to "clean up" the honours system will suffer the same early fate as did Mr Major's.

I search in vain for fixed points in this fog. One such point is the Conservative Party. Introverted, grey and exhausted, it stands coldly exposed. The Cabinet's illiberal meddling in every school, prison, hospital, neighbourhood, family even has become a ghastly terminal twitch. Yet the Tories have been efficient custodians of the economy.

British commerce is not in bad shape. The Conservative manifesto showed lingering traces of Thatcherite supplyside reform, notably on pensions. Ministers may desperately need a rest and their party may need to see things from a fresh viewpoint, but they are entitled to a sound reason for being bundled from office. We ain't that broke, they say. Why mend us? There is more to governing Britain than a pretty face.

At this stage in my argument, a strong Labour Party would put me up against a wall and give me a stern talk. It would tell me that after 18 years this country needs a spring clean under a new contractor. It would warn

me that I might not like this contractor. The gap between rich and poor, between good and bad public services, has widened under the Tories. The time has come to redress the balance however modestly. There is plenty of new

money, it would say, but too much has been splurged by the Conservatives on defence, farmers, prisons, drug companies; not enough on public transport, the mentally ill, schools, inner cities. The balance of central and local taxes has been wrong and has wrecked local services. Much privatisation has been a shambles. The Tories told the country to swallow Margaret Thatcher's medicine. Now the country must accept Labour's repair job. Yes, this might cost some people some money. They can

afford it. Give the other side a break. I would accept that argument. I would admire it. Instead, Labour has worked up no antidote, only a welter of abstract nouns. Mr Blair presents a party yearning for the reins of power. aching for them, drooling over them, without so much as an A-Z of change. Mr Blair's "ten-point contract with the people" is pure glucose. When chided for this on Panorama, he was able to offer just one token of his intent. He said that he had modernised Labour, so surely he

axeing 70 jobs.

Democrats are at 60.

Soft line

came Edward VII.

It was a good three years after

she had started walking out with

Fired by the occasion in March

country. If he could cleanse that Augean stable, British government should be a

Mr Blair did not cleanse the Labour Party, he razed it to the ground and supplanted it with a de luxe leader's Portakabin. Old Labour will grow again because all parties need to grow. A party is both a government's infantry and its political rootstock. Mr Major's weakness over the past four years has been his neglect of his party in the shires, the counties, even the suburbs. Labour will grow again from its old roots because they are those of its community of interest, the cities, the housing estates, the public sector unions. These interests will have their lobbies and their MPs. They will eventually make Mr Blair's life hell. I imagine that they will press this cynical election as a brand into his forehead. When he cries to them to desist, they will demand a price.

n this page last week, Ross McKibbin said new Labour was really old-old Labour. It was the party of Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden, of kowtowing to the Establishment and ignoring the party's roots. But those early leaders fought elections pledged to change British politics in a specific direction. The pressures of office blew them off course. New Labour is "in denial" even before taking office. It is the Treasury party in exile. Apart from some referendums on constitutional reform, the core programme must be the oddest ever presented at a modern election. For most of its term of office, Labour promises to stick to the

same spending priorities as the Tories.

New Labour means caretaker for old

Mr Blair claims to represent a centrist revolution, but this is a pig in a poke. Just as he can be impressively open-minded and realistic, he can be equally vacant and opportunistic. He is the most engaging of politicians, but he cannot instil trust in floating voters by saying only what he thinks they want to hear. The more he fixes audiences with his smile and parrots his pieties, the more they will head for the

For the present, I feel rather as poor Pickwick did when Mrs Bardell threw herself on him and cried, "Oh Sir. but this is most uncommon

## Is anyone governing America?

**Bronwen Maddox** 

on the paralysis of the President

or nearly an hour a day, a sweat-ing President Clinton struggles through tortuous arm and chest exercises in the White House gym to boost his agility on crutches. A month after he ripped his knee tendon, he is said to be hugely frustrated at the physical constraints; Americans, who like their presidents vigorous, are also

impatient for his recovery.

But although a crippled President is a powerful metaphor, the injury is hardly the cause of the paralysis gripping the cause of the paratysis grapping Washington. Apart from postporting and curtailing a trip to Latin America. Mr Clinton's physical condition has had little practical effect. Instead, the machinery of the White House and Capitol Hill has been halted by the campaign finance scandals and the ideological rifts in the Perception.

in the Republican Party.

The extent of the paralysis is astounding. The budget apart, the White House has put no other important legislation to Congress nor, after almost 100 days, has Congress initiated important bills. This score sheet falls dramatically short of Mr Clinton's detailed programme for his second term.

By far the greatest brake on the President has been scandal, Above all, it is Whitewater, the Arkansas-based scandal that dominated his first term, which continues to throw up news damaging to the President. On Monday night, Jim McDougal, the Arkansas colleague of the First Family who was convicted in May on Whitewater charges, announced on television that he was "sick and tired of lying" for the President. And there is still no explanation of why Asian companies paid \$400,000 to Webster Hubbell, one of Mr Clinton's closest Arkansas friends — who was also convicted over Whitewater.

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By comparison, the row over fundraising in last year's election has yielded no single damning fact, although it has consolidated the image of a President importing the incestuousness of his home town's political life into Washington. But whether or not those scandals prove substantive, they are hobbling the President.

For the past two weeks, Mr Clinton has been trying to "punch through" the stories by launching small, uncontroversial domestic policies, but with little success. Coverage of his offering on Monday - a move to discourage consumers from buying goods produced in foreign sweatshops - was, for instance, eclipsed by the furore over Mr McDou-gal's comments. Nor has Mr Clinton's second tactic - emphasising foreign policy - had much success. Last week a belligerent Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, shrugged off his attempt to discourage Israel from building in East Jerusalem. And the apparent successes abroad of Mr Clinton's first term. Haiti and the Irish negotiations. are unravelling or stalled.

Most seriously, Mr Clinton now looks vulnerable over the two foreign issues which will dominate this summer: whether China's "most favoured nation" trading status should be reaffirmed, and whether the North American Free Trade Area pact should be extended. Mr Clinton's plan to include Chile in Nafta now looks a non-starter.

The impotence of the White House is matched by that of Mr Gingrich, two miles away on Capitol Hill. His supporters say that his recent "tough talking" trip to China helped to repair some of the damage to his stature, but his hold on the Speaker's office remains in doubt. with conservatives and tax-cutting enthusiasts suspicious that he is no longer promoting their views.

obbling the President and the Speaker would be enough to Speaker would be enough to bring Washington to a standstill, but a third factor has now compounded the problem: Mr Gore's fear that he will be tainted by the Clinton scandals, and that the Democratic nomination for 2000 will slip through his grasp. Most of all, he fears Richard Gephardt, leader of the Democratic minority in the House and champion of old-style liberal Democratic policies. In a bid to usurp Mr Gephardt's territory, Mr Gore is starting to back Old Democrat policies such as union rights; in doing so, he is jeopardising the precarious consensus which Mr Clinion's conservative New Democrat phi-

losophy had achieved. Stepping back from this tableau of immobile figures, it is possible to blame some of the problem on prosperity. After a prolonged economic boom, companies are flush with money to shower on politicians, and despite some Americans' best efforts to portray China as a looming threat, there is no external enemy to compare with the Soviet Union of the Cold War. America is more easily governed in a crisis.

For the past few years, even in the absence of an indisputable emergency, Mr Clinton and Mr Gingrich have both managed to energise govern-ment by force of personality. Each had a philosophy that bridged the ideological splits in his party, so enabling the passage of legislation. With both in a politically injured state, the splits are

Later this summer, when Mr Clinton's leg is out of bandages. Americans Mark Colors

Mark will no doubt once again be treated to pictures of their President riding horses and swinging golf clubs. But they will not see an active Presidency - or Congress - until both parties find ways to bridge their widening divisions. Unfortunately for the President's and the Speaker's dreams of leaving memo- $P \hbox{-} H \hbox{-} S \mid \hbox{rable legacies, those conditions} \\ \hbox{be met until the next century.}$ rable legacies, those conditions may not

Edward that she consented to appearing "officially" in the jour-nals of the day. My picture, which adorned the cover of Country Life in 1899 was no papparazzisnatched shot. Rather, it was set up with the knowledge and approval of the Prince, so as to confer respectability on the mistress of the luture monarch - just as Sir Geoffrey's portrait apparently at-

## Muzzled

THE BULLDOG adopted by Tony Blair and his party for their latest political broadcast is unlikely to prosper under a new Labour government. Bulldog breeders claim that the Labour Party has signed up to a European Council convention that would outlaw Fitz, the sturdy canine star of the broadcast, because he is inbred and mis-shapen.

Under the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals, the characteristics which give the bulldog its Churchillian demeanour would be banned from breeding programmes.

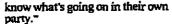
its "markedly folded skin", its snub nose and protruding bottom teeth would have to go. along with the long ears of the cocker spaniel. the abnormally positioned legs of the bassett hound and the protruding eyes of the King Charles spaniel. In all, some 100 breeds of dog and cat are under threat from the treaty which would be ratified by a Labour government.

I'd say that the Labour Party has shot itself in the foot," says Ginette Elliott. bulldog breeder and secretary of the Council for Docked Breeds. "Those spin-doctors with their great ideas don't

Elliot Morley, MP. Labour's spokesman on pets, said in February: "We are committed to the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals in principle." The Tories are howling with delight: "We shall be expecting a U-turn on Labour's bulldog policy before the day is out." Yesterday. Labour was indeed promising a safe future for the breed.

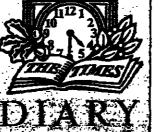
● The launch in London of Alain





de Botton's new novel, How





Proust Can Change Your Life, carried the theme a little too far for most guests on Monday night. While the Proustian canapes of madeleines (the Rive Gauche's answer to the fairy cakes were perfectly acceptable, the wine was corked and undrinkable. "We know Proust lived in a cork-lined study, but really . . ." spluttered one guest, who remained unhappily sober

## **Falling off**

IN Stratford-upon-Avon. Susannah York has taken a tumble during rehearsals for Hamlet. Making a spirited go of Gertrude with the Royal Shakespeare Company. she stepped confidently but unwittingly off the stage into the auditorium and cracked her heelbone, which means she's out of action.

"It's desperately inconvenient," wails the RSC. "We've just three weeks to go before we open and it will be very difficult to find anybody of Miss York's calibre, We're urging all Shakespeareans to step But not too hastily.

## Laying off

THE Prime Minister has sensibly avoided canvassing outside one company in his constituency for which he predicted a fabulous future two years ago.

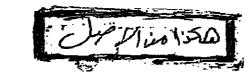


"It's a pity his bite's not as fierce as Dame Angela's"

1995 when he opened the £16 mil-lion turbine manufacturer, he described Peter Brotherhood Ltd as "an immense success" and "one of the best and most excellently equipped factories I have ever seen". He added: "The future ahead of you is very bright." Two years on, the company has cut its workforce of 325 by nearly 40 per cent - last week alone, it proposed • Election fatigue may have set in, but the political manifestos nevertheless made last week's bestseller lists. Leading the three, at number 55 in the Whitaker Booktrack list, is the Labour Party manifesto: the Conservatives come in at number 57; and the Liberal

Alice and Violet Keppel

THAT SOFT-FOCUS picture of the Prince of Wales's friend Camilla Parker Bowles, taken by Sir Geoffrey Shakerley on behalf of the National Osteoporosis Socicty, brings to mind the official "arrival" of her great-grandmother Alice Keppel, the mistress of Bertie, Prince of Wales who be-





## BRITISH BULLDOGS

Dame Angela's stand does democracy a double service

Labour last night tried to appropriate Britain's bulldog spirit but it is in the Conservative Party that the terriers are off the leash. The party's candidates, with Dame Angela Rumbold at their head, are outbidding each other in their opposition to a European single currency. They may be happy for their leaders to negotiate but on their own account they have already decided. The Opposition says that it is delighted by the Tory candidates' open defiance of John Major's "wait and see" policy. They see this rebellion as just the latest humiliation visited on Mr Major by his own side. The voters may see it rather differently.

The electorate has been denied direction on Europe by two party leaders so far determined to keep every option open. Tony Blair taunts Mr Major for framing his policy on a single currency to appease opposing Tory factions. But the Prime Minister can afford to ignore an accusation that he knows is undermined by the Labour leader's own actions. If Mr Major's policy is weak, then why is it also Mr Blair's policy? By imitating Mr Major's indecision Mr Blair is, in effect, flattering the Prime Minister's judgment.

The voters are unlikely to be so impressed by the leaders' refusal to say where they stand on the most important decision this country has confronted for decades. Faced with this collective dumbness the voters may very well prefer the candour of Dame Angela and her colleagues. By their actions they are helping to crystallise the choice at this election. Despite the fact that the election has become a presidential contest, the real choice is still the choice that individual voters make about individual candidates. Even as the leaders converge on the treacherous middle ground, their supporters are colonising firmer terrain.

Since the fall of Margaret Thatcher, through the watershed White Wednesday and the traumatic ratification of the Maastricht treaty, the Tory party has been evolving into a more sceptical creature. Dame Angela's stand may mark the final transition in the party's development from poodle to boxer. The process has been accelerated by the replacement of a generation inclined to acquiesce in integration with one prepared to fight. That development can only be reinforced by the Referendum Party's targeting of the dwindling band of Conservative Euro-enthusiasts.

Robust and unapologetic Euroscepticism is no longer, it appears, restricted to the men in "flapping white coats"; it now extends to the women in blue Jaeger suits. As many as 167 Tory candidates in winnable Conservative seats have signalled their opposition to EMU. By their actions they mock the vacuum which passed for a policy with both party leaderships. They also give the voters a choice. Rather than acting as silent accomplices in the smuggling of sovereignty they have stood up to be counted.

Counting them with perhaps more concern than it might admit to should be the Labour leadership. For all the studied ambiguities of Mr Blair and the modulated doubts of Robin Cook, the Labour Party is in its heart altogether more enthusiastic for Europe than the Tories. Just as the Tory party has seen attitudes change with the generations, so has Labour, Labour's sceptics are the day before yesterday's men. Mr Blair may proclaim his patriotism but the most committed modernisers, from Gordon Brown to Peter Mandelson, a vicepresident of the European Movement, are also committed integrationists.

It is an unhappy commentary on Mr Major's faith in the durability and credibility of a wait-and-see policy that he has had it so derisively flouted by his troops. It is hard to see how it reflects well on his leadership that the Tories in the country have chosen to fight a different battle from the one he wished to lead them into. Yet for voters increasingly exasperated by leaders who argued over change and trust and could not be trusted to face up to the greatest change of all. Dame Angela and her colleagues provide a reason to rally to one flag. They are doing democracy a double service, setting their face against its erosion and providing a real choice now, when it is most needed.

## PARENTS AND POLITICS

When is hypocrisy not hypocrisy?

April showers have been of personal abuse. Voters claim to be tired of the insults, some of which are indeed offensive and gratu-How should politicians and public draw the line between the two?

Politicians can rightly be judged on their record: it is, for instance, a sign of John Major's weak leadership that he could not stand up to Kenneth Clarke on the single currency. To call the Prime Minister "weak" might not be polite but it can be justified. It is also fair to accuse Tony Blair of flipflopping" over privatisation: so recent was his conversion that it did not even make Labour's manifesto. But to call him "phoney" for not much better reason than that it rhymes with "Tony" is less an act of criticism and more a piece of abuse.

The most recent Tory taunt is of hypocrisy. Both Mr Major and Michael Heseltine have called Mr Blair a hypocrite for sending his sons to a grant-maintained school outside his London borough. Yesterday, Mr Heseltine took the attack into the outer reaches of hyperbole. Because the Labour leader went to public school, he said, he could not possibly understand the state system. Mr Heseltine, a public schoolboy himself, went on to say that Mr Blair wanted to deny parents the choice that his own parents had had, to send him to private school.

The latter charge is nonsense. Labour has no plans to prevent children going to private schools. Nor does Mr Blair's own education have significant bearing on his understanding of the state system; if that were so, Mr Heseltine would be no better informed. Memories of the state system 30 or 40 years

In this humid electoral atmosphere, the ago are not much guide to understanding it today; it is much more useful for politicians to experience the system as parents. Mr Blair, unlike Mr Heseltine and most of his wins power, he will be the first Prime Minister to have children at state schools while he is in Downing Street.

In the old days, Labour politicians often educated their children privately. Now the argument is over which type of state school they should choose. The Conservative charge against Mr Blair is that he is sending his children to a type of school that he plans to abolish. Yet Labour has no intention of abolishing either grant-maintained schools or church schools. And, as Mr Blair pointed out yesterday, there is a long tradition of parents sending their children to religious schools in different boroughs.

A trickier case is that of Harriet Harman. She sent her son to a selective grammar school soon after the Shadow Education Secretary, David Blunkett, had said "no selection under a Labour government". At the time, it was a blatant breach of party policy, though now the line has softened; Labour says that it will abolish existing grammar schools only if a petition and ballot of local parents demand it.

Should parents who are also politicians choose a school according to their party's current policy or what best suits their child? Ms Harman put maternal instinct ahead of her career and tapped public sympathy in the process. She may have been called hypocritical and she will suffer in the Labour Party for her actions. But at least she will not regret on her deathbed a decision to sacrifice her child's success for her own.

#### **WORK FOR ST HELENA**

One way for Britain to right an ex-imperial wrong

The crime of setting a police transit van on fire would hardly merit the attention of a local reporter in Birmingham or Belfast. But when this happens in a community as remote, peaceful and law-abiding as St Helena, Foreign Office officials should take note. For though the incident may be an isolated act of arson, there is no mistaking the rumbling discontent on the volcanic outcrop in the South Atlantic. St Helena, Napoleon's final place of exile and death, is going through troubled times. Islanders are almost entirely dependent on diminishing Government hand-outs: opportunities for work overseas are shrinking; and recent resignations from the local council and a spat with the British Governor have raised local hackles and tempers.

The sun set on the British Empire a generation ago. But in the 13 pink dots scattered across the world, all that is left (excluding Hong Kong) of an imperial past most Britons have long forgotten, the fading rays are still the only warmth that 170,000 overseas subjects know. Many fear that the warmth is now cooling, as Britain seeks to unburden

itself of its residual responsibilities. For the Queen's 6,000 loyal subjects on St Helena, the nearest mainland is more than a thousand miles away; the nearest commercial airport is in Cape Town. The only connections to the outside world are the ships that sail four times a year to Cardiff and nine times to South Africa. There is virtually no private industry, no regional market and no outside investment. About 500 tourists arrive a year: some to look at Napoleon's two immaculately preserved

A month ago Sir Nicholas Bonsor called a conference in London to look at ways of boosting investment in St Helena. The figures are certainly depressing: the island imports £4.7 million worth of goods a year. and exports a mere £145,000. Britain has just announced a £26 million aid package over the next three years: a higher amount per head than to any other territory. It may help: but hand-outs are not what the islanders want. They ask only to be allowed to come to Britain to seek temporary work.

Until the 1981 Nationality Act, they were able to earn good money in Britain; now they can find employment only in the Falklands or on Ascension. Allowing in a few hundred St Helenans, many willing to fill the vacancies in care work, is the least Britain can do to rectify an injustice that was made solely for fear of setting a precedent for Hong Kong Britain still has world responsibilities; it owes a decent generosity to the subjects whose lives it still controls.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Questions raised by Labour policies

From the Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Sir, Halfway through the campaign some very big questions about Labour's economic policies remain unanswered by Gordon Brown, Soundbite slogans are wearing a bit thin. May I use the courtesy of your columns to try again to get answers? l. Does he accept that a windfall tax on the privatised companies will be paid for by millions of customers, employees and shareholders? How can a

once-off windfall tax pay for a contin-

uing make-work programme? 2. Mr Blair and Mr Brown use a soundbite which says: "The Conservatives have doubled the national debt." They take the base year of 1990, when the national debt was at its lowest since 1915. Twice a low number is still a low number, in historical terms. Britain's stock of debt is, for example,

lower than Germany's or Japan's. The purpose of this soundbite is to say "the public finances are in a mess". If so, do Labour think they ought to put up taxes to bring debt down faster than we are? If "yes" - which taxes? If "no" - they must stop using their soundbite.

3. Releasing local authorities' receipts increases public spending and borrowing. So Labour would worsen the debt position by this policy - unless they propose to cut other spending or put up taxes. Will they do so, or will they worsen the debt position of the

Some "old" Labour supporters undoubtedly hope that the new Labour leadership, once elected, will simply revert to higher spending and taxing. Mr Brown's equivocations seem to confirm that this is the case.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE. Conservative Campaign HQ, 5 Westfield Park, Redland, Bristol.

From Dr J. A. Garfoot

## **Drugs and prisons**

Sir, Mr Harold Mitchell (letter, April 8; see also letter, March 3l) says that crime cannot be controlled by lenient sentences. With a 53 per cent recidivism rate,

according to a Home Office study of all prisoners released in 1993 (report, March 24), it would seem that any prison sentence has a very limited success. This is especially true of drug-related crime. At this private clinic for habitual

addicts with an intractable problem, 200 of our patients had been in and out of prison several times before they came to us and had served a total of 600 years behind bars. Over the past two years only seven have returned to jail and then mainly for offences committed previously.

This 3.5 per cent reoffending rate surely demonstrates that maintenance treatment with a view to possible eventual detoxification is far more effective than locking them up.

Yours sincerely, J. A. GARFOÓT, Laybourne Clinic, Laybourne House, Admiral's Way, E14. April 9.

#### Medical consent

From Dr Michael Abrams Sir. I was the British chairman of the

drafting committee of the Council of Europe's Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine. It is not correct to say, as Dr R. H. Nicholson, Editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, does today, that public circulation of early drafts was restricted by me.

What is correct is that such documents can be made public only with the approval of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and indeed a consultation draft was published in July 1994 by the Council of Europe,

Any interested party could then have obtained a copy from the Council of Europe and submitted comments. Subsequently the Department of Health made this draft available for comment and consulted with relevant bodies in this country, including the Bulletin of Medical Ethics.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL ABRAMS. 97 Wood Vale, NiO. April 10.

## Spelling it out

From Mr Nigel R. MacNicol

Sir, Eur Ing H. Bibring (letter, April 10; see also letter April 15) asks why people give dates as "two thousand and fourteen", rather than saying "twenty fourteen". Actually the problem is specific to

the years 2000 to 2009. One has a choice for the later decades, but must adopt the former usage when speaking of the first decade to avoid misunderstandings

If I tell my boss that I plan to retire in April twenty one, I might find myself put out to grass four years hence - 2001, instead of my planned date in 2021.

Yours faithfully. N. R. MacNICOL. 9 Church Lane. Greetham. Oakham, Rutland.

## Election: tax, the Lords and Europe

From Mr Ian Bryant

Sir, The Institute for Fiscal Studies, in its report on the effects of tax changes. says that since 1979, whilst the income of society's poorest 10 per cent has increased by only 6 per cent, that of the richest 10 per cent of households has risen by 59 per cent (report, April 10).

Could we scrub all the TV debating and, instead, would the whole nation stay silent for five minutes whilst John Major justifies the inequity of the rich having got richer ten times faster than have the poor since the Tories came to

Yours despairingly, IAN BRYANT, Hipping Hall, Cowan Bridge, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria. April 10.

From Mrs Susan Milligan

Sir. "What counts is what works" (Tony Blair speaking to a City of London audience, report, April 8) - but not, it seems, for the House of Lords.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN MILLIGAN, 18a Hayburn Crescent, Glasgow.

From Mr Duncan Bryson

Sir. Despite Tony Blair having once signed up to CND, I now trust him not to give away our nuclear deterrent. He is going to sell it.

Yours sincerely. **DUNCAN BRYSON.** 109 Martin Avenue, Irvine, Ayrshire. April 8.

From Mrs Margaret Daly. Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Weston-super-Mare

Sir, I object most strongly to William Rees-Mogg's reference to me in his article today as being as "Euro-fanatical" as Edwina Currie. I am a positive European but totally pragmatic in my attitude to the European Union. I fully

support the Conservative policy on Europe as outlined in our manifesto.
Indeed, the local chairman of the

Campaign for an Independent Britain recently issued a public statement saying that he would be supporting me. He has rejoined the Conservative Party since my selection and has been out delivering leaflets on my behalf.

Yours sincerely, MARGARET DALY, Campaign Headquarters, 28 Boulevard Weston-super-Mare, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

From Mr Frederick Cosstick

Sir, As an Englishman, Sussex born and bred, I was somewhat alarmed to find my political future and the future of Britain in Europe being discussed on Newsnight last evening in Scottish accents by a panel consisting of Mal-colm Rilkind, Charles Kennedy and Robin Cook.

Am I politically incorrect by daring to raise this issue in your august columns?

Yours faithfully. FRED COSSTICK. 3 High View Court. Silverdale Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. April 10.

From Mr Christopher Harris

Sir. For many years far too many people have failed to record their votes.

1 commend the system in New South Wales, Australia. Voting there is a legal duty, and failing to vote a criminal offence. The ballot sheet has a box for abstentions. In my view an abstention is perfectly sensible if one dislikes all the other options.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, 17 Rookwood Court, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Fred Zinnemann, who fought

against this colourised process in Brit-

ain and the US, thoroughly approved

of the French decision. He lived to see

a limited director's moral right

provided in the UK in 1989, and the

director made co-author with the pro-

ducer from December 1, 1996, imple-

However, great black and white

films (being in any case pre-1989) may

in principle not be legally safe in this

country from colourisation. More-

sions emanating from countries

which do not have legal safeguards.

even France would have difficulty in

protecting the integrity of the direc-

(Co-author with Robert Merkin.

Copyright and Designs Law.

FT Law and Tax, 1997).

9 Park Avenue, NW11.

menting EU directives.

tor's work.

April 13.

Yours faithfully,

JACK BLACK

## 'Colourised' films

From Mr Jack Black

Sir, The director of the British Film Institute (letter, April 12) drew attention to the recent screening of a "colourised" version of The Longest Day by LWT - a UK terrestrial television company.

In France the director, as author of a film, is accorded the moral right in law to have the integrity of his work sonnalite of the author. It cannot be assigned and is perpetual.

In 1992 a French court recognised and protected this human right, even in the case of an American film, when John Houston's daughter, Angelica, took exception to the showing of her late father's classic film, Asphalt Jungle, in colourised form and sued to stop its showing in France. As director he had parted with "all rights" under US law and practice to the producer. as usual, when the film was made.

#### Sweet and bitter

From Lord Menuhin, OM

Sir, No one could be more delighted than I to read your third leader on Saturday (April 12). Nigel Kennedy is one of the more unconventional spirits spawned by my school, following in my footprints not only in his love of Bach and Bartok (the Solo Sonata I commissioned in 1943) but also in bridging similar worlds of music so dear to me as those of Johnny Dankworth, Oscar Peterson, Stephane

Grappelli and Ravi Shankar. Ravi Shankar and Stephane Grapnelli both visited the Yehudi Menuhin hool — Ravi inspiring another great

folk violinist from the school, Volker Biesenbender, well known on the Continent and in our music conservaoires: Stephane immediately became Nigel's wonderfully generous tutor in jazz. It was shortly after his visit to the school that Stephane invited Nigel to play jazz at Ronnie Scott's club, where night after night Nigel played with his great mentor.

Yes, we need more Lennie Bernsteins. But what neither he nor I could ever quite bring ourselves to do was to exit from the stage with a pint of bitter!

Yours truly, YEHUDI MENUHIN, 65 Chester Square, SW1. April 13.

221b 8oz".

#### Record births Lottery and the Church

From Mr Keith Porteous Wood Sir, The Church Commissioners recently enlightened us about the Church of England's assets which, you report, "have soared to a record E3 billion" (April 1).

The Archbishop of Canterbury now seeks lottery payouts to fund church repairs (report, April 7; letter, April 9). Surely lottery distributions should be for the disadvantaged, not for vastly wealthy organisations that could manage without them.

Yours sincerely. K, PORTEOUS WOOD (General Secretary). National Secular Society. Bradlaugh House, 47 Theobald's Road, WCI. April 9.

## Pedestrian crossings

From Mr Mark Whitby

Sir, An excellent new form of pedestrian crossing is appearing in many of our towns, in the form of a raised element of the road level with the pavement, with paving instead of asphalt, and with approaches of cobbles.

Whilst clearly intended to make it easier for us to cross the road, do these crossings imply a right of way for pedestrians in the manner that zebra crossings do, or are they just another form of sleeping policeman?

Yours sincerely. MARK WHITBY, 5 Broughton Gardens, No.

#### From Professor Sir John Dewhurst

Sir. Your report today of the safe delivery of Mrs Pauline Thomson of a son weighing 14lb 3oz contains the comment that "the heaviest child recorded was born in Italy in 1955 at

Gould and Pyle in Anomalies and Curiosities of Medicine, published in Philadelphia by Saunders in 1901. record a larger one.

They give an account of the marriage, at the Church of St Martin-inthe-Fields, in 1871, between Captain Martin Bates and Miss Anne Swan. who called themselves the tallest couple in the world. She was 7ft 52 in in height, he 7ft 25 in.

During Mrs Bates's second confinement great difficulty was experienced in freeing the child's shoulders and a second physician was summoned "by telegram" to assist.

After "a laborious siege" Mrs Bates was finally delivered of a stillborn child weighing 23lb 12oz.

JACK DEWHURST (Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospitals), 21 Jacks Lane, Harefield, Middlesex, April 15.

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## **Burial of London's** precious history

From Professor Andrew Gurr

Sir, The long election campaign seems to have freed ministers from facing difficult decisions. John Gummer, Virginia Bottomley and Lord Inglewood, the ministers responsible for matters of national heritage, are refusing to question English Heritage's outrageous view that the decision by Southwark Council Planning Committee to allow building over the original Globe site need not be referred to them, A flood of letters from academics and others interested in finding more about Shakespeare's theatre, including a petition sent by 493 mem-bers of the Shakespeare Association of America, has been ignored.

Since taking control of London's . sites in 1991. English Heritage has applied a blanket policy of leaving every site buried. This has the advantage of cheapness, while serving the developers' interests in allowing new building on top of the sites so long as they are not actually destroyed. It also has, however, the massive disadvantage of blocking any new information about the sites. This policy has destroyed the expertise London archaeologists developed up to 1991, and is now blocking a whole generation of students, scholars and the public at large from

learning more about early London. This policy of mindless burial does serious damage when applied to sites containing uniquely important structures like Shakespeare's Globe (letter, March 22). Much more was learned about the Globe's design from the small section that the Museum of London archaeologists dug up in 1989 than had been found in centuries of study up to then. Now a crane looms ominously over the site, and English Heritage has set itself against any more digs into the floor of Anchor Terrace, where the foundations of the original stage still exist.

The Government tacitly accepts the English Heritage view and ignores the outcry against it. People in the future will find it hard to forgive such short-term thinking.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW GURR, University of Reading, Department of English. PO Box 218, Reading RG6 6AA.

#### Tewkesbury battlefield

From Mr Michael Rayner

Sir, I am amazed by the statement which you attribute to the leader of Tewkesbury Borough Council Ireport. April 7: letter, April 91 that there is "no evidence" that the Gastons, the field on which the council is proposing to build 62 new houses, was where the battle of Tewkesbury was fought in

Primary sources, as well as the landscape itself and thorough modern research, prove that the Gastons site is within the area so designated on the English Heritage battlefields register.

Such sites have far more value than their monetary worth: they must be preserved for future generations. We trust that the Secretary of State for the Environment will intervene.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL RAYNER (Co-ordinator) The Battlefields Trust. Meadow Cottage, 33 High Green, Brooke, Norwich, Norfolk,

#### Childhood literature

From Mrs Christine McRitchie Pratt

Sir. As another reader with fond memories of Little Grey Rabbit (letter, April 10), never do I see the letters RSVP at the bottom of an invitation without remembering, thankfully, that Rat Shan't Visit Party. Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE MCRITCHIE PRATT.

Babraham Road, Cambridge,

From Mrs A. G. Lynne

Brackendale,

Shelford Bottom

Sir, For me it is the blind faith from that "simpler" time of poor Jemima nibbling her own stuffing that brings the tear whenever I cut up bits of sage.

Yours faithfully. A. G. LYNNE Dedham House, Dedham, nr Colchester, Essex. April 10.

#### They're over here

From Mr D. P. Wright

Sir, I am the Housemaster of a Haileybury School boy's boarding house named after Rudyard Kipling. I have just opened a letter, addressed to Kipling House, from the Associate Dean of a famous American university. It begins, "Dear Kipling, Clean out a desk drawer! This is just the first millimeter of the two-meter stack of letters and glossy brochures headed your way ...

What can I do to prevent this unsolicited assault?

Yours faithfully. D. P. WRIGHT (Housemaster), Kipling House, Haileybury, Hertford SGI3 7NU. April 12

## **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 15: The Duke of Edinburgh,
Patron, this afternoon visited the
Licensed Victuallers' National Licensed Victuallers' National Homes, Denham, Uxbridge, Middle-sex, and was received by Her Maj-esty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bucking-hamshire (Sir Nigel Mobbs). His Royal Highness: Patron, Out-ward Bound Trust, this evening attended the Outward Bound Pa-ments Conneary. Dinner for the

fron's Company Dinner for the Young President's Organisation at St ames's Palace. Colonel Richard Putnam (Deputy

Lieutenant of West Suss Lieutenant of West Susses) was present at Carwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Carlisle and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

Lady Dugdale has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 15: The Duke of York this
morning arrived in Harare,

Zimbabwe.

Zinobabwe.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Reception at Meikles Hotel for British companies in Zimbabwe and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

ber of Commerce and Industry.

The Duke of York afterwards called upon the Minister of Defence (the Hon' Moven Muhachi).

His Royal Highness later attended a Reception for staff of the British High Commission. British Council and the British Military Advisory and Training Team at the High Commissioner's Residence.

The Duke of York afterwards attended The Queen's Brithday Party given by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr Martin Williams).

Williams;
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 15: The Prince of Wales today
visited Aberdeenshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Captain Colin Parquharson of Whitehouse). His Royal Highness this morning visited the Atlen Country Park, Mindaw.

The Prince of Wales afterwards

risited Abocus Frozen Foods, Station Road, Mindaw, and toured the His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Fraserburgh Harbour and attended a Luncheon.

and Miss H.M. Mather The engagement is announced between lan, elder son of Mr and

Mrs John Aitchison, of Lochton, Coldstream, and Heather, youn-

ger daughter of Mrs Maureen Mather and the late Mr James

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Rainforth, of Twick-

enham, Middlesex, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.S. Daglish, of Kingskettle, Fife.

The engagement is announced between Laurence, son of Mr and

Mrs Henry Mutkin, of Hampstead, London, and Stacey, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Keith Knight, of

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Major and Mrs H.T.K. Phillips, of Uffington, Oxfordshire, and Judith

Anne, younger daughter of Mrs Joan Fletcher and the late Geoffrey

Fletcher, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mather, of Printonan, Duns.

Mr R.W. Allman and Miss A.J. Daglish

Mr L.J. Mutkin

and Miss S.A. Knight

Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr N.W.K. Phillips

Forthcoming marriages

opened the new Grampian Police Office. Finlayson Street. Fraserburgh and toured the station. His Royal Highness later visited the Peterhead Maritime Heritage CLARENCE HOUSE

April 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Moder. Patron, the National Trust for Scotland, today received Rear Admairal Douglas Dow on relinquishing his appointment as Director. Her Majesty subsequently received

appointment.
Lady Perm has succeeded Dame
Frances Campbell-Preston as Ladyin-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother.

ORK HOUSE April 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon attended the Hanover Industrial Trade Fair. Hanover, Germany. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Museum of Berkshire Aviation.

Woodley, Berkshire at 4.30. The Princess Royal will attend the Annual Conference and Scientific Meeting, The Royal College of Psediatrics and Child Health, at the University of York at 10.45; as Patron offivering Support Scotland, will visit the Stirling Victim Support scheme at 76 Port Street at 3.10, and the Albert Hall, Dumbarton Road, Stirling at 3.50; and as Past President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend a dinner at the Quality Station Hotel, Leonard Street, Perth at 6.30. The Princess Margaret, as President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. will attend the gala premiere of The Goodbye Girl at the Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, in aid of the Societ and Help the Aged at 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent will open Marina House at the Maudsley Hospital Community Addictions Centre, Denmark Hill, SES, at 2.30. concert and dinner for the Voices Foundation at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, SW7 at 7.10.

Mr C.M. Bunker and Miss C.A. Turnbull

The engagement is announced between Christopher Mark, son of

Mr and Mrs Brian Bunker, of

Wootton, Bedfordshire, and

Among the many new border auriculas from

Birthdays today

Lucinda Jones from Langport, Somerset, admires a display of iceland poppies from Home Meadows Nursery

## Plants spring into early flower

BY ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's flower show features many plants that are not normally seen in flower until late spring, such is the earliness of the season. Some exhibitors are showing plants reserved for later shows, including next month's Chelsea Flower Show, and are concerned they may not have enough material to

exhibit at forthcoming events.

One worried exhibitor at this show, which opened in Westminster yetserday, is Home Meadows Nursery, of Martlesham, Suffolk, internationally known for its displays of iceland poppies (Papawer nudicaule), especially at Chelsea. Their own "Meadhome Strain" in orange, yellow, pink and white, is making a brilliant display at Westminster.

In this varied show, Ashwood Nurseries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands, are showing their own strains of rock-garden lewisias, including the new "Ashwood Carousel Hybrids" which are noted for their dwarf compact habit, extreme hardiness and prolific flowering, ideal plants for alpine troughs, screes and rock gardens. The exhibit has been awarded a gold

Cravens Nursery, of Bingley, West Yorkshire, all their own raising, are some with brown flowers, an unusual colour among these primulas, including "Frilly Brown" with dark, frilled flowers, and "Brownie Hybrids" in light and dark shades. This display has been awarded a gold medal.

Other gold medallists are Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (seasonal trees and shrubs); Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of

Stokesley. Cleveland (pelargoniums); and Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, Lincolnshire (flowering cacti and succulents). Among the more unusual exhibits is a display

of the ancient Japanese art of ikebana flower arrangements from the Sogetsu Elsei Study Group, of Richmond, Surrey, which marks their 70th anniversary.

An educational exhibit based on the historic condense of Westman (Code). gardens at Wentworth Castle, Stainborough, South Yorkshire, has been staged by the Peak District Branch of the RHS Rhododendron. Camellia and Magnolia Group, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire. The photographs show the major restoration work carried out in the gardens over

collections of rhododendrons in northern Several competitions are being held with this show. in the RHS daffodil competition, Mr F. C.

the past 20 years, which have one of the largest

Postles, of Droltwich, Hereford and Worcester, has won the Engleheart challenge cup for 12 cultivars bred and raised by the exhibitor. They include the white trumpet cultivar "Night Filght" which has been Judged best bloom in the competition. Mr Postles has also won the Guy Wilson memorial vase for six cultivars of white daffodils, which again include "Night Filght". In the section for amateurs, Mr John Ennis, of Bailinamailard. Co. Permanagh. Northern Ireland, has won the Bowles challenge cup for 15 cultivars, and Mr P. Payne. of Postwick, Norfolk, has secured the Richardson trophy for 12 cultivars.

In the RHS camellia competition Ann Hooton, of Loxwood, West Susex, has been awarded the Leonardsiee bowl for 12 blooms, including the well-known deep plak Williams!! Cultivar "Anticipation".

well-known deep pink williamsii cultivar
"Anticipation".

In the Alpine Garden Society's show, Mrs C. M.
Coller, of Norwich, Norfolk, has won the RHS
Sewell medal for six pans of rock plants with
Primulu "Snow While" (a white auricula).

Erythronium helenae (white and yellow). Dionysia
involucrata (pint), Preidophyllum racenosum
fem-like leaves, white flowers). Trilliam
grandifforum (pint), and Androsace viliasa (white).

The Farer memorial medal for best plant in the
show has been won by Mr E. N. Fuller, of
Wadhurst, East Susser, with Daphne Caeorum
"Pygmaea" (deep pink flowers). Mr E. C. Jarrett, of
Longfield, has won the Audrey Bartholomew
memorial trophy for best plant from North
America, with Fritiliaria affinis (green, browncheckered flowers). The George Gable memorial
trophy for best pan of Ericaceae has been won by
Mrs C. M. Coller with Rhadodendron
caphalanthum (a dwarf species with small white
flowers).

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

## **Marriages**

and Mrs James Johnston, of Sydney, Australia. The Rev Paul The Hop Alexander Dewar and Miss D. Clement Weaver officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Melissa Hobbs, Sharon Barclay, Georgina Milne, Alexan-dra Milne, Sophie Ramsbotham and Jake Colman. Mr Harry Cole

Mr M.D. Bickford

and Miss N. Propper
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 12, 1997, at The Savoy,
London, of Mr Mark David
Bickford, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Warwick Bickford, of Plymouth, to Miss Natalie Propper, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Propper, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, Mrs Katherine Mason

The bride was given in marriage Ashen was best man. A reception was held at The

Savoy and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr E.D.C. Cooper and Mrs S.D.M. Gidley

Mr M.I.G. Wilson and Miss E.M. Loudon

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 12, at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, of Mr Mungo Wilson, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wilson, to Miss Emily Loudon, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Loudon. The Rev Ian Robson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anna Wilson, Emily Arnold, Lukyn Gedge, Clara Nevola and Oscar Clark, Mr Andrew Vallings was best man. A reception was held at the Royal College of Music.

#### Dinner

Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, cine's Nuffield lecture to the society last night at 1 Wimpole Street. Sir Christopher Paine, president. Christopher Paine, president, accompanied by Lady Paine, received the guests at a dinner held afterwards. Among those present were: lady Woolf, Lord and Lady Smith, Str Christopher Booth, Str Donald and Lady Hurrison, Str Robert and Lady Johnson, Str Gorge and Lady Pinker, Str Gordon and Lady Robson. Str David and Lady Innes Walliams, Str James Wan and Str Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme.

## School news

St Albans School St Albans School announces the following awards for entry in 1997: .

Geoffrey Pryke Memorial
Scholarships
114: Frederick Motson. Killigrew JMI
Scholarships 34: Michael Henson. Heath Mount

PETER TRIEVNO

School. Form: Thomas Withnell.
Sixth Form: Thomas Withnell.
Verulum School: Sally Jenkins. St
Albans High School for Girts.
Nicholas Bacon Scholarships
11+: James McLeod, St Columba's
Prep School.
13+: Simon Morris, York House
School.

13:: Simon Morts.
School.
Academic Scholarships
11:: Gregory Barron, Wood End JMI.
13:: Christopher Kelly. Aldwickbury
School. Nigel Rawlins, Aldwickbury
School.

Music Scholarships Benjamin Harrison. Aldwickbury School: Iain Pickles. Aldwickbury School

School.
Summer term begins today. Head of School will be Daniel Gibbons. Deputy Heads of School. William Roberts and Victoria Goodiellow. Founders Day so on Saturday, July 5. When the preacher will be Father Aldan Bellinger, of Downside. Bedgebury School, Goudhurst Term commenced on Monday at

Bedgebury School, Goudhurst, with Ursula Scarborough as Head Girl, Rhiannon James as Deputy Head Girl and Leonora Hoole as Senior Day Girl. Bedgebury will be 'At Home' at Fulham Palace on May 8 from 6.30pm-9.30pm; Concert of Baroque Music at St Laurence Church, Hawkhurst on May 1 at 7pm; Old Girls Day is May 10; Open Day is May 14: Lillesden Day is June 21, and guest of the same as Seech Day on July 4 of honour on Speech Day on July 4 is Major General Sir Philip Ward. Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex.

Churcher's College Summer Term at Churcher's College began yesterday. Half term is from May 24 to June 2. The Captain of Cricket is Daniel Clarke, The Old Churcherian Club and Society London Dinner will be held at the East India Club on Friday, May 9, and members are nvited to the annual OCC Cricket March against the 1st XI on Saturday, June 28, starting at Ilam. Open Day will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 9.30am to lpm and Sports Day is on Wednes-day, June 25. Term ends on July 4.

Eton College Eton College opens today for the Summer Half.

R.B.R. Harrison KS continues as Captain of School and G.D. Cook OS as Captain of the Oppidans. There will be four performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream in the Farrer Theatre from May 22-25. The CCF Tattoo will be on May 27, and the Fourth of June celebrations will be held on Wednesday, May 28. Long Leave is from May 28-June 1. The Winchester Match will be at Winchester on June 14, the Harrow Match at Lord's on Friday, June 27. School closes on June 27.

Headington School, Oxford Summer Term begins today with Rebecca Pelly-Fry taking over as Head of School. Headingtonians Day will be on June 7, and the Headingtonians' London Meeting will be at the House of Lords on June 9, at 6.00pm. Please contact the school for details. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Presentation takes place in Oxford Town Hall on May 7. There will be a School Concert on May 8, and the main school production of Pirates of Penzance will take place in the School Hall on June 26 and 27. The Foundation Day Service will be in Christ Church Cathedral on June

Summer Ball on June 28. Term ends on Thursday, July 3. The Princess Helena College The Summer Term begins today and ends on July 3. Gemma Nye is Head of School and Elizabeth Dickens and Helen Williams are her deputies. The Confirmation Service on May 17 will take place

in the School Grounds, and the

in St Martin's Church, Preston. School Athletics Competition is on Saturday, May 31, at 10,00am and the School Swimming Gala will take place on Thursday, June 19, at 4.45pm. Speech Day and Garden Party is to be held on Saturday, June 21. Tickets for the annual Summer Ball on Saturday, June 28, may be obtained from the College. The Summer Concert will be on Tuesday. July I, at 7.30pm in The Princess Alice Hall.

St Catherine's School, Bramley Summer term begins at St Catherine's School, Bramley today. Joanna Berrow remains in office as Head Girl. The School choir will perform Carmina Burana and Faure's Requiem with the choir of St Mary's School, Caine on April 26 in Chippenham. The Summer Concert will be held on Friday. May 9, at 7.30pm at St Catherine's. The Confirmation service will be held in the School Chapel on May 10. Long Leave is from May 24 until June I. Baroness Brigstocke will be the Guest of Honour at Speech Day on July 5 in Guildford Civic Hall, followed by Open Day at St Catherine's. Term ends on July 10.

St John's School, Leatherhead The Summer Term begins today at St. John's School, Leatherhead. James Cook is Captain of the School and of Cricket. The Bishop of Guildford will conduct a service of Baptism and Confirmation on Sunday, April 27. CCF Inspection Day is Friday, May 16, the Inspecting Officer is Colonel D.P. Belcher, Welsh Guards. The Jubeicher, weish Guards. The Junior play, Max Frisch's The Fire Raisers will be performed on May 21, 22 and 23, and the ODS production of Noël Coward's Private Lives will be on June 3 and 4. Choral Etwarson is 24 & 20mm on Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on Tuesday, May 20, and the School Concert is at 7.30pm on Sunday, June 29, on which day there will be a special Gaudy Lunch for Old Johnians to celebrate the move to Leatherhead 125 years ago. The Anniversary appeal continues. For information on either the Gaudy or the Appeal please contact the Headmaster's secretary. Prize giv-ing is at IL 30am on Saturday. July 5, when the guest of honour will be Sir Ronald Waterhouse.

Woldingham School Woldingnam School summer Term begins at Woldingnam School today. Shauna-Gay Fuller is the new Head Girl and Emma Gibbs is Deputy Head Girl. To mark the retirement of the Headmistress, Dr Phil Dineen, a Midsummer Music Evening will be held in the grounds of the school on Saturday. June 28, and a Concert is arranged at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on Thursday evening, July 3. Tickets for both occasions are available from the school at Marden Park, Woldingham, Surrey, CR3 7YA. Autumn Term begins on September 3, when the new Headmistress, Mrs Maureen Ribbins, MA, MSc, BSc, will take up office.

#### Royal Aero Club

Mr Eilif Ness, President of the Federation Aeronautique internationale, was the guest of honour at the annual awards ceremony of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom held yesterday at Goldsmiths Hall. Mr Frederick O.

and Mr David Bareford.

#### Service luncheon

Royal Fusiliers Fusiliers, who served in Korea 1952-53, attended a reunion luncheon held yesterday at HIM Tower of London.

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## PERSONAL COLUMN

Then Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, and con-tinued to be under their authority, his mother trea-sured up all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51

ALPHONSE - On 10th April 1997, to Caroline (née Manners) and Pierre, a daughter, Lucy Honor, a sister for Alice.

BLACK - John and Rebeccs (née Williams) are delighted (née Williams) are delighted to amounce the safe arrival of Emily Ames Margaret at john Radellife Hospital, Oxford, on 11th April 1997.

BORWICK - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née Poore) and jamie, a son, a brother for Edwin, Thomas and Alexandra.

Alexandra.

RREGORIE - On April 12th
1997, to Tessa (née
Hamilton-Shaw) and
Alasdair, a daughter, Alice
Evelyn, a sister for Flora.

LANDRIG - On 4th April, to
Stephen and Caroline, ar
Fieldhouse, Eccleshall,
Staffs, a son, Humphrey
Charles Ecerton, a brother to
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Fieldhouse, Eccleshall, Staffs, a son, Rumphrey Charles Egerton, a brother to Eccanna and Lella.

HESSANDHALGH - On 18th Munch, to Ivo and Ann-Mari (née Beatty), a son, Bede Laurence John.

HOWES MUCCOLO - On 12th April at The Portland Hospital, to Lindsey and Louis, a son, Even.

LIMES - On Auril 9th, to Ennes.

LIMES - On April 9th, to Emma (nee Fox Bassett) and Michael, a daughter, Lucy Manyaret Rose, a sister for Harriet and Rebecca.

Marriet and Rébecca.

MEAGMER - On 13th April
1997, to Lucinda (née Tosh)
and Eussell, a daughter,
Sophie Emma Stephanie, a
sister for Eleanot.

PERGRS - On April 9th, to
Jemma (née Fispan) and
Simon, a son, Luke Patrick, a
brother for Joshua.

MENSIES - On April 10th at The PURTER - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, London, to Suzanne Michelle and

John Pascal, a son, Velo-Vincent Pascal. RAYMENT - On 21st March, to Nicolette (née Hodgazin) and Stephen, a son, Shaw David, a brother for Stewart.

SAUMDERS WATSON - On April 7th 1997, to Elizabeth (nife Brown) and James, a daughter, Beatrico Elizabeth Rose, a sister for Elezapor. SHARBATLY - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Adnan and Maha, a son, Hassan, a brother for Ala. Hassan, a brother for Ala-TAYLOR - On April 13th at The Fortland Hospital, to jo and Andrew, a son, Max, a brother for Cattlin. TURNER - On 10th April, to Lynn (nee Chandler) and John, a daughter, Olivia Jane, a sister for Andrew, Dr June Goodfield was the speaker at a luncheon of the University Wamen's Club held yesterday at 2 Audley Square.

DEATHS

VARDAMME - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Brends (née Harper) and Marc Robert, a daughter,

BICKPORD - On April 14th, in
Brighton General Hospital,
Sussex, Elinou Sister of the
late Captain Jack Bickford
EN and cousin of the late
Joan Huise (née Tizard).
Dearly loved by all the
Hulses - Eric, Nancy,
Christopher, Timothy,
Anthony & Gillian & thati
families. Crematorium,
Brighton on Tussday April
22ad at 1.30pm. Family
Howers and for
Sullom, c/o & A. Brookes &
Son, Haywards Heath,
Sussex, tel: (01444)

FEENEY - Mrs Isabel Erica
Blechynden Feeney (née
Moller), called "Dido" elder

HARRIS - Margaret Frances
placefully on 12th April
following a stroke. Widow of
the late of Rosemary and
Judich. Memorial Service to
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ACOIT - Barbara, widow of Arthur Acott (ICS), died pesserbilly on 13th April. Loved by all Funanti Service at 5t Peter's Church, Freshford, near Bath, on Friday 18th April at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund. Engdiries to CS. Bowyer, 5 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon, Willa. COOPER - Belen Louise, much beloved wife of Andrew, died peacefully in hospital Sunday 13th April 1997. Puneral 11.15 am on 23rd April, North Chapel, Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton. Family flowers only. Donations in aid of Young Artists' at The Sir John Cass Department of Art to Funeral Directors, Co-Operative Funeral Service, 133 London Ecod, Brighton BM1 41E, tel: (01273) 607276.

ARAMAYO - On April 13th at St Julian's Nursing Wing, Wimbledon, Doris Elizabeth (née Endcliffe) aged 106, widow of Eduardo Aramayo. Much missed by family and frignds. Funeral at Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, St Johns Wood, on Monday April 21st at 12 neon. Enquiries to Fredk. Paine Ltd. 6 Coombe Laze, Enymer Park, 5W20 (tel: 0181-946 1974).

ARMSTROMG - Robert sged 88, retired Company Chairman, died on Priday 4th April 1997 at Beaconsfield Towers, Runsey, isle of Man, after recurrence of lung cancer flort experienced 15 years before. Will be safly missed by his daughter Dorsen and his son Robert. The funeral has taken place.

CUTHBERTSON Joan precedully in hospital on April 16th. Beloved wife of George, much loved mother of Fenny and Isia and grandmother of Emily, Katia and Tom. Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Church, Shirley Church Road, Shirley, or Monday April 21st at 1.30pm. Family flowers only but donations it desired to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers to be sent to Funeral Directors 1.8. Shakespare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon, C20 ILD. AFRICLD - Marie on 11th April suddanly at home, aged 95, wife of the late Edmund, mother of Martin, Olav and

mother of Martin, Olay and John and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Sr Robert's Church, Pannal, Harrogata, at noon on Friday 18th April. Family flowers only. DAWE - Edward George James (Teddie) beloved husband of Pat, peacefully on 12th April 1997. A Service of Thanksgiving at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy on Thursday 24th April at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26 Maunsel Steet, SWI.

PARLHACHE - Nanette Ross (née Forquaon), beloved wife of Jurat Lester Vivian (Lee) Bailhache, peacefully shroad whilst on holiday with her family on 12th April. Will be greatly missed by her husband, children and grand children. Funeral details here. Enquiries to Pincher & Le Quesne Ltd Funeral Directors. Tel 01534 33330 DOUGLAS - At home in Hampstead on 9th April 1997, he Many Curr Douglas, daughter of the late he. and Mrs David Douglas of Hamilton, dear friend of May Martin and beloved annt and grunt-aunt of the family. Funeral at Golders Green Cumatorium on Erichy 18th April at 2.15 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 161 Harvestock Hill, Hampstead, NW3 403, tek (0171) 586-4221. BOORNE - Audrey in The Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham, on 14th April 1997 aged 69. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd April at 12 noon.

CARO - Norbert (Norman) actor, in his 88th year; sadly missed. Funeral details, Ayling (01483) 567333.

Mr A.M.R. White and Miss M. Arbib

General and Mrs Martin White, of

The engagem

Luncheon

Caroline April (Callie), daughter of Mr and Mrs John Turnbull, of the Old Elm Tree, Higham Ferrers, Mr J.T. Underwood and Miss A.M. Sheffield The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr

and Mrs Raymond Underwood, of Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, and Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Sheffield, of Earl Soham, Suffolk.

Seaview, Isle of Wight, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martyn of Henley on Thames

Oxfordshire.

Birthdays today

The Queen of Denmark celebrates her 57th birthday today.
Lord Aberconway, 84: the Rev Keith Angus, former domestic chaplain to the Queen, 68; Miss Jenny Bacon, Director-General, Health and Safety Executive. 52: Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 64: Lord Camoys, 57; Sir Douglas Frank, QC, former Deputy Judge of the High Court, Queen's Bench Division, 81; Miss Lynne Franks, public relations consultant, 49; Sir John Harvey-Jones, former chairman, ICL 73; Mr Michael Hirst, former Chief Constable, Leicestershire, 59; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, 73; Mr Richard Lawrence, editor, Leading Notes, 51; Miss Margaret Maden, educationist, 57; Miss Ruth Madoc, actress, 54: Mr P. J. Marshall, chairman, Ocean Group, 70; Miss Conchita Martinez, tennis player, 25; Mr Spike Milligan, author and competitor 70; 57; Geoffrey

tennis player, 25; Mr Spike Milligan, author and comedian, 79; Sir Geof-frey Owen, former Editor, Financial Times. 63; Mr Martin Owen, chief executive, NatWest Markets, 51; Mr David Porter, MP, 49; Mr W. George Purdy, Chief Scout, 58; Judge Rant, QC, Judge Advocate General, 61; Sir John Robson, diplomat, 67; Miss Constance Shacklock, opera singer, 84; Dr W.T. Stearn, botanist, 85; Professor Barbara Tizard, educa-tionist, 71: Sir Peter Ustinov, actor. 76; Mr Frank Williams, managing direc-tor, Williams Grand Prix Engineer-ing, 55.

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 5, 1997, at St Michael's Catholic Church. Rondebosch, Cape, South Africa, of the Hon Alexander Dewar, son of Lord and Lady Forteviot, of Aberdalgie House, Perthshire, to

Aberdagie House, Fernshie, to Miss Donryn Clement, daughter of Mr Rusty Clement and Mrs Mieke Clement, of Cape, South Africa. Father Guy Fraser-Ruffell The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sophie and John Drummond, Miss Jacqueline Clement, Miss Kim Myerson and Mrs

Jennifer Cilliers. Mr Godwin Busuttil was best man. A reception was held at the Kelvin Grove Club, Newlands. moon is being spent abroad.

Mr M. Colman and Miss J. Johnston The marriage took place on Friday, April 4, at All Saints' Church. Woollahra, Sydney, of Mr Matthew Colman, younger son of Sir Timothy and Lady Mary Colman, of Norwich, Norfolk, to Miss Jane

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HARRIS - Tony, Peacefully and
with dignity at Priscilla
Bacon Lodge, Norwish on
April 14th. Much loved
husband of Pann and father
of Judy, Richard, Flona,
Sarah and Lucy, Private
Cremation. A calebration of
Tony's life will be held at St
Releas Church, Hanworth,
hear Norwich, on Monday
April 21st at 215 pm to
which all friends are
welcome. No flowers by
request.

MGRAM-FOHERON - On 9th April, pescefully at Boyal Bournessouth Hospital June Ingus-johnson (nie Beer), dendy loved wife, mother, sister and grandmother, sister and grandmother, against cancer. In accordance with her wishes, a private Crumation service was held at Bournemouth Crumatorium on 15th April. Denations if desired to any cancer charity.

LITTLESOHN Teresa Mary (nos Mesde) died peacefully at home on Saturday 12th April. Much loved wife of Claude, mother of Mark, Anne, Simon and Sarah, grandmother to Nicoles, Ismes and Georgia. The Funeral Mess will be on Piday 18th April 11.15 am at St Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill, followed by private cremation.

LOW - On April 12th 1997 Denothy Mangaret aged 90 years of Southbourne, Soummouth Widow of the late David M. Low. Funeral Service to be held at Bournemouth Crematorium on Weider 18th April no

on Friday 18th April at 10,30am.

MACKAY - On April 12th 1997, after a long illness, Anthony, aged 59 years. Much loved husband of Janes, Arthory of Rupert and Damian and stepfather to Tamura and Rupert. Funeral Service at Newanden Church on Tuesday April 22nd at 2.30 pm. Pamily flowers only but donations if wished to Piligrims Hospice, Canterbury, c/o C. Waterboase & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. Tel. (01435) 382219.

FEENEY - Mrs Isabel Erica
Blechynden Feeney (née
Moller), called "Dáto", elder
daughter of the late Mr and
Mrs N.E. Moller of
"Fairylend", Shanghai,
Fassed away peacefully un
13th April in London in the
presence of her own family.
Funeral Golders Green
Crematorium Monday 21st
April 11 am. Finsal tributes
to W. Carstins, 10 Chibsen
Street, Wi by 9.30 am or
donations to Cancer
Research or RNI.I Memorial
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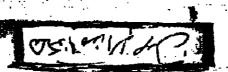
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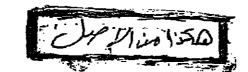
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## **OBITUARIES**

## WILLIAM RIGHTER

William Righter, former Reader in English and Comparative Literature at the University of Warwick, died of cancer in London on April 14 aged 69. He was born in Kansas City on August 31, 1927.

charming, intellectual and, above all, cultured American. William Righter was a Liigure who might almost have stepped from the pages of a Henry James novel. Indeed, he held the work of James in the highest regard and became increasingly interested by the subtle inflections of his moral universe. In retirement he met regularly in a London pub with like-minded scholars to discuss "the Master's" ambiguities and velleities.

It was the interface between philosophy and literature which Righter examined. As a Reader in English and Comparative Literature at Warwick University, he was admired for his wide-ranging scholarship and open-minded critical and philosophical approach.

He refused the over-simple and the schematic, contributing in his distinctively humane, subtle and allusive manner to critical debates from Empson and Richards to Kristeva and Derrida. The enduring end of criticism, he wrote in his Logic and Criticism (1963), is "to open up as much of the work as one can, and relate as much as seems relevant to both literary and personal situation".

Valued as a lecturer, Righter's sceptical probing of the role of the "study" of literature in relation to the intelligent "reading" of it, gave a distinctive flavour to his teaching. He was greatly influenced by Isaiah Berlin, as well as by Montaigne's perception that "every example turns", and his acute awareness of the pitfalls of relativism never led him to swerve from his abiding

commitment to pluralism. Righter chose to live in Europe for much of his life. He understood its many-faceted culture, approaching it with that particular insight and



sensitivity which an outsider can sometimes bring. He haunted museums all over the world, from the Nelson Gallery in Kansas City to the Uffizi, from the British Museum to the Louvre. Guests who were invited to sit around his dinner table - at which carefully selected wines and foods would be served - would be treated to discourses of delicate

discernment and profound learning. always delivered in perfect Jamesian sentences. Righter unfurled his thoughts in elegantly rolling clauses. never struck by hesitation or at a loss for the mot juste. He also had a particular rapport with the young and was a sensitive, careful and encouraging listener.

William Harvey Righter began his

academic career at Harvard, Imm. which he graduated in 1949 cum laude in philosophy. He went on to read for his MA at Kansas University where in 1951 he was appointed Whitcomb Fellow in Comparative Literature, a position he was to hold for two years.

In 1954 he went to Oxford, where he obtained a BLitt, before returning to the United States to teach at Cornell University. There, as a young lecturer, he was accosted by an elderly departmental gorgon. "Young man, you must get yourself a century," she admonished. Throughout his life Righter resolutely declined to take this advice. He was never tramelled in his thought, either by specialty or tradition.

Righter returned to France and then to England in 1960 where he lectured at King's College, Cambridge, and supplemented his salary teaching servicemen at the University of Maryland (Overseas). As his students were of highly varied educational background, to assess them he always asked them to write an account of their lives. One student began: "I was borned in a house of sin and hate." It was. Righter thought, a terrible thing to try to educate a man who would never write a better sentence in his life.

Righter published his first book in 1963. Logic and Criticism was a carefully reasoned study of the ways in which literature has been discussed, mainly in the present century. Entirely "naturalistic" or entirely "aesthetic" explanations were inadequate, Righter argued, and with characteristic vigour and precision he unearthed all that might be innaccurately assumed by a critical remark. He showed how narrow could be the single-stranded approach of critics such as Cleanth Brooks (with his concept of irony) or William Empson (with his ideas of ambiguity). This book, wrote a reviewer in The Times Literary Supplement, "wields a knife that will go on

cutting . . . for a long time". In 1964 Righter published a second

work. The Rhetorical Hero, a distinguished contribution to the study of Andre Malraux, a writer whom he saw as "a last incarnation of 'Faustian man'". Righter, with "his fresh and critical mind", shows, as one reviewer phrased it, "an intelligence quite equal to that of Malraux".

With his expertise in both literary studies and philosophy, Righter was invited in 1965 by Professor George Hunter to join him at the foundation of the University of Warwick to set up its department of English and Comparative Literature.

From the start he helped to develop its innovatory role in studying English literature in its European and American literary contexts. He spread the comparativist word in the University of Hong Kong in the early 1970s when, on secondment from Warwick, he was for three years Professor of Comparative Literature

Righter was influential in the pioneering work on the study of the inter-relations between philosophy and literature, for which Warwick University has become well known. He worked closely with members of the philosophy department and continued to support its centre for research in philosophy and literature, even after his retirement in 1993. He participated in a seminar last summer with Professor Martha Nussbaum on Henry James.

Righter published two other signifcant works in his life Myth and Literature (1975) and The Myth of Theory (1994). The last reveals a philosophical mind, unlimited by any single tradition, taking a clear and demanding look at the areas over which literary theory too often claims too little or too much. He was also the general editor of the series Concepts of Literature and, up until the time of his death, he was preparing a manuscript on the late work of Henry James.

William Righter was three times married. His wife since 1968, Rosemary Righter, is the chief leader writer of The Times.

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## TIMOTHY MASON



Timothy Mason, cellist, died of cancer in London on April 4 aged 48. He was born on April 29, 1948.

TIM MASON was a fine performing musician, but his energies and enthusiasms for so many different aspects of his profession made him an especially influential force in the worlds of new music and period performance.

He began the chamber group Capricorn and played a crucial role in the founding of the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment; his knowledge, vision and innate sensitivity were a source of inspiration to countless performers, conductors and administrators.

The third of the four sons of Stewart Mason, Chief Education Officer for Leicestershire and a founder of the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra, Timothy George Stewart Mason began playing the cello at the age of seven.

In 1958, at the age of ten, he went to the Pilgrims' School, Winchester, as a "quirister". He was so academically precocious that he was sent over to Winchester College for lessons, and he eventually completed his schooling there. taking O, A and S-levels at an absurdly early age. His musical skills were

nurtured by the college head of music Christopher Cowan and by his wife Jane, who taught him the cello. He won a place in the National Youth Orchestra: the NYO years furthered his musical acumen. as well as establishing lifelong triendships — for example with Mark Elder, the conductor and David Pountney, the opera director.

Mason won a scholarship to King's College, Cambridge. He was a brilliant student – "there was nothing to teach him, he knew it all already," commented one of his professors - and he was urged to stay on in academic music, But he had always wanted to be a cellist and, after taking his Cambridge degree, he did a BMus so that he could study the cello with Maurice Gen-dron in Paris for six months. This also entailed producing a portfolio of original compositions - his was impressive and the examination panel encouraged him to become a

composer.

Back in England he lived in a flat in Hampstead above some science laboratories. where he attempted to grow mushrooms in the basement (gardening was always something of an obsession with him). He freelanced with various orchestras and founded the chamber group of Capricorn which has a special interest in contemporary music and whose instrumentation is not fixed. At their first try-out concert in a private

house in Notting Hill in 1973 the programme included Messiaen's Quarter for the End of Time (for piano, violin. clarinet and cello).

Mason's musical tastes were completely catholic and he was as at home tackling new music (much of it commissioned by him for Capricorn) as he was playing in period instrument ensembles. As co-principal cellist of The English Baroque Soloists and the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment and cellist in the London Fortepiano Trio, he took part in many recordings.

His prodigious energy was poured not only into his own performing but also into the organisation of the groups in which he played. As chairman of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment for eight years, he had a profound influence on every aspect of the orchestra's activities - from repertoire to guest artists. A more conscientious administrator would be hard to imagine: nothing he did was informed by self-interest but rather by a passionate sense of wanting the music to be performed as well as possible.

in the mid-1970s Mason bought a house in then unfashionable Hackney with the viola player Jan Schlapp, whom he married. Alongside his professional commitments, he worked on musical analysis at London University, while deliberately not seeking a further academic degree. The study of analysis was typical of his inquiring mind, always eager to delve further towards understanding music of all kinds.

Yet playing the cello re-mained his bedrock. His chosen instrument had been his companion throughout life from the hours of scales in the school holidays through the concertos he played with the Leicester Orchestra and in Cambridge to the constant orchestral and chamber concerts of his professional life.

He continued playing professionally until his last trip abroad last month to Paris to perform with John Eliot Gardiner's Orchestre Revolutionaire et Romantique. It was a source of great regret to him that he had been too ill to play in the same orchestra's recent Schumann weekend at the Barbican, since Schumann was one of the many composers in whom he had a passionate interest.

The cancer that struck him last summer forced Mason to take life more easily than ever before, and queues of visitors formed in the corridors of St Bartholomew's Hospital. It is a measure of his extraordinary selflessness that he expressed surprise that he had so many friends.

He is survived by his wife Jan and their children Nathaniel and Lucy.

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Audrey Harvey, journalist and charity worker, died on April 10 aged 85. She was born on March 3, 1912.

FOR 25 years Audrey Harvey was one of the more distinguished contributors to the New Statesman. Writing only ree or four times a vea specialised in stories of injustice in the housing field dealing with possession orders, rent arrears, tied occupancies and all the other legal problems that used to affect the lives of those whom, in the title of an influential 1950s' Fabian pamphlet, she once termed Casualties of the Welfare State.

That, no doubt, risks making her copy sound worthy but dull. In fact, it was never anything of the sort. Audrey Harvey possessed a remarkable capacity for story-telling, as was reflected in the headings (always chosen by herself) for her articles. These varied between "Man About the House", through "The Furnished Room Mystery" to The Case of the Student's Wife".

Perhaps, however, her most famous piece was one she wrote in February 1977. It was about a man-and-wife team who had been employed at a house in Mayfair to look after the property, largely in its owner's absence. The wife had died and their employer was seeking to evict the surviving husband. The article was called simply The Duke's Servant" - and, though the ducal identity was disguised, it was sufficiently thinly concealed for it to be guessed at in one by the Duke of Devonshire's sister-in-law, Jessica Mitford (who proceeded to make maximum mischief out of it). The article read - as she wrote at the time - "like a Somerset Maugham or even a Maupassant short story".

Harvey's writing facility was, of course, linked to considerable knowledge. Although not a lawyer herself, few members of the legal

vev was an improbable agent for so much campaigning energy. The product of a conventional girls' boarding school and Oxford University. where she read English, she retained the patrician aura belonging to her background. In courts and tribunals, where she often appeared to lend her personal support to the cases she took up, this stood her in good stead magistrates and tribunal chairmen tending to believe that there must be something to be said for a cause embraced by so well-spoken a witness. Yet though her middle-class demeanour may have broken the ice, it was her total command of her subject that enabled justice at least

Sit,—The question of the employment of women of the educated classes who are obliged to

carn their livelihood is becoming year by year a more urgent matter. The numerical prepon-derance of women over men in this country is chiefly marked in the upper strata of society, and

the problem becomes more difficult the higher the education and the social status. On a visit to this

country nothing so impresses the thinking Canadian, Australian, or South African, who is

accustomed to a system where women are in a

minority, as the excess of women of his own class,

many of whom have before them little chance of a

useful and attractive career. The young man of the educated classes goes abroad to make his way

in the world, but his sister, however capable, has no such outlook. She is compelled too often to

inger at home till her youth is past, with no better prospect than a future of aimless and dreary spinsterhood, or to swell the ranks of some of the budly-paid and overcrowded professions open at

resent to women in this country. In this, as in other matters, we may well look to

the Colonies for a solution. We can give what they lack: they can hold out what we need.

Much has been done in recent years by organizations such as the British Women's Emigration Association and the South African Colonization Society, to find suitable openings for

domestic servants, and, to a small extent, for nurses, teachers, and professional women. The

married. She is survived by her second husband, the osteo-

path Ronald Harvey, to whom she had been married for almost 50 years, and by a daughter.

sometimes to prevail.

Audrey Harvey was twice

WOMEN'S EMIGRATION. ON THIS DAY TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

April 16, 1910

The first signatory of this letter was Princess Helena Victoria, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

Central Bureau for the Employment of Women is endeavouring to deal with the question of female employment within these islands, but for the ordinary educated woman who may be desirou of, and at the same time admirably fitted for, a Colonial career, little has been done. And yet in all our Colonies there are openings which might well be utilized. The educated gentlewoman, accustomed to country life, with a knowledge of practical affairs, and with a little capital, might find an opportunity in some one of the many departments of intensive agriculture. In the towns there are forms of employment similar to those existing here, but better paid and infinitely less overstocked. In nursing, in teaching, in clerical work, and in a score of other activities the Colonies report that there is a need of women's

assistance. If some portion of our surplus female population, trained and educated in accordance with the best English traditions, could find a career overseas within the Empire, it would not merely do much to improve the position at home, but it would provide the oversea nations with a type of colonist which in a new country is obviously of the highest value

obviously of the highest value.

Existing organisations provide the machinery of emigration, but it seems to us that the crying need is for a proper intelligence department which shall estimate the demand of the Colonies and bring it into relation with the supply which we believe to exist which will keep an eye on all suitable oversea openings for women, and endeavour to find for them the proper occupants. It is important that women, more than other It is important that women, more than other colonists, should only leave this country for assured and suitable work.

For this purpose the Committee of Colonial intelligence for Educated Women has been formed, and we appeal for funds to carry out the

HELENA, President of the South African Colonization Society.

ALICE BECTIVE, President of the Central Bureau for the Employment of Womer LOUISA KNIGHTLEY, President of the British Women's Emigration Association CAROLINE GROSVENOR, Chairman of the Committee of Colonial Intelligence for Educated

## How do you protect the unprotectable?

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lance cameras, cash machines and credit cards record every aspect of our lives. Mobile phones can be listened to. Soon satellites will be able to track any moving object anywhere on the globe. With no secrets left, how to protect the unprotectable?

The new Broadcasting Standards Commission (BSC) is under statutory obligation to try. Formed at the beginning of the month out of two bodies with infuriatingly similar names, the Broadcasting Standards Council (which looked after taste and decency) and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (which dealt with complaints of unfair treatment on air) the new commission has the unhappy task of drawing up a new code of practice on privacy and fair

I say "unhappy" because the task is impossible. All codes and laws to protect privacy run the risk of concealing injustice. Call it "the Maxwell question". A privacy law might curb unwarranted intrusion but only partly. Such a law is so hard to draw up that even the Conservatives have backed off. Their election manifesto promises merely continuous vigilance on whether legislation is needed.

Both the Liberal Democrats and the Labour Party, in contrast, would bring in privacy protection by incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law. Yet both parties recognise the inherent danger. Each insists that a Freedom of Information Act is a necess: counterbalance. Otherwise Britain will become an even more secret society.

A privacy law could help in protecting some innocent victims of unwanted publicity, such as the man from Brentwood in Essex who was caught on a local council's closed-circuit television as he tried to slash his wrists. He was not pleased months later to see the scene of his anguish replayed for 9.2 million viewers on BBCI's Crime Beat as an example of how a surveillance system can save lives. The man concerned, with the help of the civil rights organisation, Liberty, is suing Brentwood Council for damages.

Legal deterrent might also reduce the tendency of television crews to follow the police on dawn raids in order to feed the current appetite for what is called "reality

A new threat to increase privacy protection, however, has thrown the broadcasters into a panic. It has come in the form of rumours of the contents of the BSC's new privacy code, even though the commission has been swift to point out that it has been merely gathering suggestions. Its draft code will not be ready for a few months yet.

To the general public, the rumoured BSC proposals will sound like exactly what is needed to protect them from being exposed

rivacy is dead. Camcorders, surveil- or misrepresented on air. A right, for example, to withdraw an interview after it has been filmed or recorded; a right to be informed of any change in the nature of the planned programme; a right to be given the names of everyone else who is taking part. and to be informed of the questions in

Yet to broadcasters these restrictions would kill investigative reporting stonedead. What's more, if all contributions to any programme had to receive the consent of all participants, there would be no more gripping fly-on-the-wall documentaries such as the BBC's series on the Royal Opera House. Crusading doorsteppers such as Roger Cook would be stopped in their

> One of the curses of a secret society is overprotection, of broadcasting particularly. The BSC should note that a serviceable privacy code for broadcasters already exists. Drawn up by the ndent Television Commission (ITC) for commercial tele-vision it deals succinctly with the multifarious dangers of privacy invasion that arise during the broadcaster's working day: hidden microphones, secret cameras, interviews with children and the bereaved, entertainment pro-

grammes with dramatised reconstructions. interviews obtained by deception. The ITC is currently considering a number of complaints against Channel 4's stylish satire

The ITC at least has teeth. It can levy fines or even remove a broadcast licence. The BSC has no such powers. For all the high calibre of those who work for it, it remains, like its predecessors, essentially a shoulder for the public to cry on. It ought simply to adopt the ITC's code and get on with its other

the end, all privacy codes fail because every case stands or falls on its merits. Is the intrusion in the public interest? The only all-purpose answer a code can give is: "sometimes"

Besides, public grievance against broadcasters is incurable. For some, any filming of grief will be excessive. Many do not accept the facts of copyright law — that the rights to a picture belong with the photographer, and that the rights to private letters, diaries and videos belong with their owner, or his estate. even if he was Frederick West.

The best defence against invasion of privacy is self-defence. Interviewers should not be allowed in without proper caedentials and without a consent form stipulating that the interview is to be used only for the single programme in question, and not to be reused as archival material later. The other defence is a thick skin. With exceptions for the bizarre, most of our secrets are the same.

## LISTENER

## Chasing boys from the Beeb

THE search for a new chief executive for Channel 4 began in earnest this week. The shortlist of candidates drawn up by head-hunters Goddard Kay Rogers is understood to include Michael Jackson, director of television at the BBC and controller of BBCl, and Alan Yentob, the Beeb's director of programmes.

From Channel 4 are John Willis, director of programmes, Stewart Butterfield, director of advertising sales and marketing, and Colin Levanthal, director of acquisitions. Bob Phillis, deputy director general of the BBC, is a possible contender. His case is being pushed by some Chan-nel 4 insiders who believe that his arrival at the station would be less likely to prompt the departure of the popular Willis, who would be virtually certain to exit if the job goes to a "programme man" such as Jackson or Yentob.

There are also understood to be at least two candidates from outside the industry. Greg Dyke has reportedly let it be known that he would



In the frame: Michael Jackson (left) and Alan Yentob

consider the job, although he is not interested in attending an interview. Another contender is thought to be former CBS head Howard Stringer. Each candidate has been asked to write a "manifesto"

for Channel 4. The interview panel is be-lieved to consist of Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of Channel 4, and board members David Plowright and Professor Mary McAleese. The interviews, which began yesterday, are taking place at Donington Hall, the imposing Derby-shire HQ of British Midland.

where Sir Michael is also

chairman. If a candidate is found, the decision could be confirmed on April 28.

Answers please THE dry and boring performances of Robin Cook and

Michael Portillo which last week kicked off BBC's Election Call phone-in series (broadcast simultaneously on Radio 4 and BBCI) has prompted soul-searching at the BBC's Milibank bunker in Westminster.

Peter Sissons, who is hosting the series, says: "We have to save the phone-in from

determined politicians who see it as an opportunity, because they have no eye contact with their questioner. to steamroller their way through question after question without giving a proper

#### Goodbye then

DOWNSIZING continues apace, meanwhile, at The Express. The latest employees to leave the paper "by mutual agreement are the arts editor. Mal Peachey, his deputy, Jane Dowle, and arts writer Charlie Porter. Their exodus means the disappearance of the paper's weekly Preview arts section, which at one point was credited with boosting sales on Fridays.

"Mal joined the paper last year on the understanding that it was going upmarket. But the reverse has hap-

pened," an insider says. Peachey's departure is all the more embarrassing for The Express since just two weeks ago he was invited to be a judge for the South Bank Show Arts Awards, as part of a determined bid by the programme to include a tabloid journalist on its jury.

● THE production leam of They Think It's All Over, BBCl's highly successful of unsolicited letters from young, male viewers asking for

Producer Harry Thompson says that the extra work this is giving him and his lads is making him as sick as a parrot. Making a weekly, topical sporting quiz show is not as easy as it seems, he says.

They seem to think we do nothing but sit around talking about football all day." Well, don't they?

#### Second bite.

THE BBC is being offered a TV version of Hugh Walpole's classic novel Rogue Herries by the man who thwarted its efforts to turn it into a TV series five years ago.

Richard Price, head of the Primetime distribution and production company, acquired the rights to the novel in the 1980s. When the English copyright lapsed, the BBC started its own plans to turn the story into a TV series. Not wanting to proceed without the prospect of international sales, the Beeb abandoned its plans on learning that Price held the US and German rights for a further 20 years.

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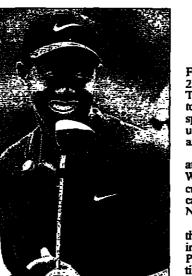
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Now, under the latest European copyright rules, Price has reacquired the British rights and is to make a miniseries of two two-hour shows for international screening.



Tiger Woods: vibrant new image

## Ad men caddie for golf

FLUSHED with the discovery of the 21-year-old US Masters champion Tiger Woods, golfers are now turning to advertising to help shake off the sport's stuffy image further and brush up its appeal to a younger, more affluent, even female audience.
The Professional Golfers' Associ-

ation, golf's ruling body, has hired J Walter Thompson, the agency which created the Andrex puppy, to devise a campaign to coincide with next week's National Golf Week.

While the budget might not match the £40 million paid to Woods by Nike in a massive sponsorship deal, the PGA is using advertising for the first time and has briefed JWT to create a press and poster campaign plus a TV commercial for Sky TV.

Mike Gray, PGA's commercial director, says: "PGA National Golf Week is an initiative to encourage more people to take up golf. We have decided

ADVERTISING ... to seek guidance and expertise from

JWT rather than handling our creative work in-house." DENIS LEARY, the shock US come-

dian best known in the UK as the frontman for Holsten Pils's advertising, is causing a stir by starring in an uncannily similar series of commercials for the American software giant and Internet service provider, Lotus.

The style of the new Lotus films, by Ogilvy and Mather US, bears a close iblance to the Holsten ads, originally created by GGT Advertising. As with the Holsten work, Leary is seen fast-talking his way through scripts, spitting out such lines as "If you wanna surf, go to Maui", while the tone is similarly anarchic and cynical. The commercials potentially

contravene the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Committee notes of guidance which dictate that ads resembling other commercials "so closely as to cause confusion" are not acceptable.

A STORM is brewing between the key advertising trade bodies and Equity, the actors' union, over the fees paid to voice-over artists in commercials.

The Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers and the Advertis ing Film and Videotape Producers' Association are trying to wipe out the discrepancy which allows actors to do voice-overs for rival advertisers, while on-camera actors are ruled out of appearing in rival ads for three years. Equity is digging its heels in and industry insiders say talks have bro-ken down completely.

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Business, education and sports channels are all on offer as TV's future is decided, says Alexandra Frean

# Television and the digital revolution

he future direction of British television will be decided by the Independent Television Commission within the next two months. when it awards the first licences to broadcast commercial digital terrestrial television (DTT).

For the consumer, the arrival of DTT will mean up to 36 new channels by 1998, and better quality sound and pictures. It has been described as the biggest change in television since the introduction of colour nearly 30 years ago.

DTT services may prove attractive to viewers who want extra channels yet are not keen to buy satellite or cable services. According to the City analysts BZW, the market is potentially huge. At the beginning of 1997 some 75 per cent (17.6 million) of homes did not take either

cable or satellite services. Clearly not everybody will 'It's the be prepared to pay around £300 for the decoder boxes biggest needed to receive DTT, but set-top boxes could become an change in attractive rental produce. Once decoders are built into televiewing vision sets and the Government sets a deadline for the since existing analogue spectrum to be switched off, growth will be colour' exponential.

But what will it all mean to consumers? There are two commercial bids on the table for paid-for

DTT services. The favourite is BDB (British Digital Broadcasting), a consortium jointly owned by the broadcasting giants Carlton, Granada and BSkyB. BSkyB is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. The underdog is DTN (Digital Television Network), owned by the cable operator International Cabel Tel. Both bidders are promising BBC channels.

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BDB's proposed services are: BBC Horizon (nature, science and children's programming); BBC One TV (pop music): BBC Showcase and BBC Style (lifestyle); Sky I (family entertainment): Public Eye Idramas and documentaries linked by the theme of law and order); Granada Plus (archive material, plus Coronation Street); Granada TV Shopping (teleshopping programmes); Granada Good Life (lifestyle): Granada Sports Club (sports news plus a music service); Carlton Select (archive material plus special events, such as music and football); Carlton Entertainment (children's and adults' entertainment); Carlton Films.

BDB is also offering Sky Movies and The Movie Channel, and Sky Sports, which has exclusive live rights to Premiership football.

DTN is offering a more innovative service. Its channels include: The Money Channel (business and consumer): The Knowledge Network (education): The British Sports Channel (including news); The ITN Living History Channel (archive footage); Animal Planet (wildlife); The Box (pop music); Travel (holiday pro-grammes); Digital Box Office (pay-per-view films, sport and live events); furner Classic Movies; MGM Gold (entertainment); Cartoon Network (children's cartoons by day, adult entertain-

ment by night): Metro TV (local television): The Movie Experience.

DTN is also promising to offer text and interactive channels, a home shopping service and a national news service. A third commercial bid for a separate

part of the digital spectrum has also been submitted by the Welsh broadcaster S4C. The introduction of DTT does not end with commercial services, however. The

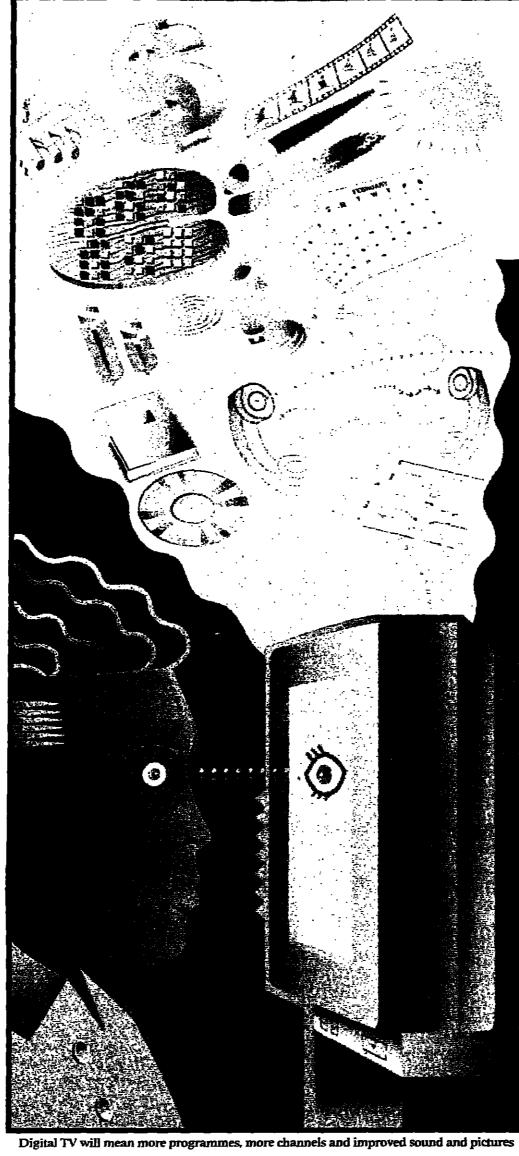
main broadcasters have all been allocated part of the digital spectrum for free, which they intend to use to offer free-to-air and paid-for services. The BBC, ITV, Channel 4. Channel 5 and the S4C and Teletext will be broadcast on digital terrestrial television and will be free.

The BBC's digital broad-casts of BBCI and BBC2 will be in cinema-style wide-screen format. The BBC also plans a 24-hour news channel and for BBC Inform, which will enable viewers to keep up to date with major dramas. ITV and Channel 4 are also

planning free and paid-for services. It would be wrong to believe that programming will be the main criterion used by the ITC in awarding the commercial licence. It is bound by five other criteria, which include the geographical coverage area proposed, the speed of the roll-out of the service, the applicants' ability to establish and maintain the service, the plans for promoting or assisting the acquisition of decoders by viewers and the plans to ensure fair and effective competition in

programme providers. The ITC is also bound to take into account the extent to which the award of the licence would promote the development of DTT broadcasting in the UK. On this basis, most City analysts believe that the BDB bid will win. BZW believes that BDB will succeed because of its strong programme offering, subscriber management and marketing expertise and the vast resources of its parents. "If BDB does not win the licences, it is unlikely that digital terrestrial services will succeed in the UK," it concludes.

BZW predicts that DTT will be available in 8 per cent of homes within five years, rising to 19 per cent by 2005. CDG's prediction is that more than half of all UK households (11 million) will be receiving digital television in ten years.



## Welcome to a night of votes and jokes

Party politics rule as BBC2 mixes election results with comedy

imblebys, swingometers and town halls are the stuff that election nights are made of. But this time round, the BBC is planning an alternative to the usual line-up of presenters, politi-cians and pundits, BBC2's Election Night Armistice marks television's first foray into comedy election coverage. Created and presented by the Friday Night Armistice team - Armando Iannucci, David Schneider and Peter Baynham - the three-hour show will be going out live on the big night. Highlights include expert analysis by Alan Partridge, Spin Doctor Olympics and an inflatable

Paddy Ashdown.
"It's based on our experience of previous elections and how people like to make a party of it." says Armando Iannucci. "Elections are a

strange combination of being something that affects your life for the next five something that's quite festive." MPs, journalists and an audi-

ence will join them in the studio with live links around the country and pre-

doing things like torturing a Middle England family, because the whole election has been based around their views," says lannucci. "And we'll be designating an elec-tion-free zone in Manchester, where people can go to recycle rosettes and play Guess the Car Part with Jeremy Clarkson." But, they say, it won't all

be spoof. The idea is to mix comedy with the results, as they come in, and to let the rogramme go in whatever direction events take it. "They will be genuine re-sults, not made up ones," says lannucci. "We've got Valerie Singleton with a bouncy House of

Commons which will fill up with people in red, blue and yellow T-shirts, indicating which way the votes are going. That's all the analysis you need really." Elsewhere on election

night, BBCl and ITV will be battling for viewers with the usual marathon results programmes. Channel 4 is opting out of the election. screening a film instead,

and Channel 5 will be sticking to its normal schedules, with additional hourly bulletins.

The idea of fusing comedy and news is fast becoming an election trend. Worried that viewers will be bored by hours of heavyweight coverage, the chan-nels are looking to comedians to spice up their election programmes. News-Harry Enfield sketches and inviting comedians on to discuss their views.

But the dominance of comedy also reflects a drive to attract younger viewers. Britain's "yoof" are now famously apathetic when it comes to mainstream politics and broadcasters are desperate to offer them alternatives. BBC2 is showing The Enormous Election with Dennis Pennis, tackling young people's issues, the week before

the election. 'There is no Rory Bremner Johns" are headpressure on ing Channel 4's comedy election. them to The first of Bremner's elecmock tion specials is due to go out the politicians Saturday before polling day. Such scheduling equally'

would have been unthinkable in recorded sketches, "We'll be previous TV eras. It wasn't until 1959 that the BBC and ITV dared to do any election coverage, let alone satire, so fearful were they of imparting bias. That Was The Week That Was, the cult 1960s satire show, was taken off air almost a year before the 1964 election. Hugh Green, the then BBC Director-General, reasoned that you can't be fair with laughter".

But broadcasters, and especially the BBC, are still cautious about comedy during elections. Harry Enfield has been prohibited from doing his Tory Boy character on Newsnight. The Election Night Armistice team, though, is relatively relaxed about the impartiality issue. Despite strict BBC guidelines, they say there is no pressure on them to mock politicians equally, "We're under no obligations," says Iannucci, "I think we'll go for whatever prominent issues come up. It depends who makes the biggest mess of the campaign."

MILLY JENKINS

#### t every election since 1979, when The Sun endorsed Margaret Thatcher and helped her into Downing Street, The Sun. The Daily Mail and The Express have backed the Conservatives and rubbished the Labour Party. They were dubbed the "Tory tabloids" and with up to 18 million voters reading them every

day, their support mattered. With The Sun now endors-ing Tony Blair. The Express fore neutral under chief executive Clive Hollick, a Labour life peer, and only The Daily Mail showing any real enthusiasm for dumping on Labour
— and that mainly because of its stance on Europe - those 18 million voters are now being exposed to the fairest newspaper coverage of any election since 1955. It may become the first for decades in which the conduct of the press is not itself an issue.

The significance of The Sun's backing for Blair was shown yesterday in the spin that was put on the headlines

Guardiar Independent Times

## All's fair in tabloid politics

on his BBC statement Europe's common fisheries "Labour changes tack", said the Daily Mail (circulation 2.1 million) as it reported that Mr Blair had performed his "sixth U-turn" of the election in matching John Major on protecting

The Sun (circulation 4 million) put a very different spin on the story - and very different from how it would have reported a similar statement by James Callaghan. Michael Foot or Neil Kinnock. "111 scupper EU over fish war, says Blair", was The Sun's headline as it reported that he had "vowed" to bring the EU to a halt to protect Britain's fishing fleet. Apart from its opinion polling at this election. MORI is also analysing every election article published in the national newspapers and studying



whether they are negative or positive to Major and Blair and to Labour, the Tories and the Liberal Democrats.

Its study of more than 2.000 articles published between April 1-11, made by subsidiary Test Research, confirms the significance of the fairer reporting in The Sun and The Express.

Seven in ten of the reports on Labour policies in The Sun and The Express were either neutral or had a favourable slant — as well as 66 per cent in the Daily Mail. 81 per cent in the Daily Star (sister paper

of The Express) and 94 per reads The Sun or The Mirror.

cent in The Mirror. Given that fairer deal from the tabloids, another gain for Labour in 1997 is that its policies have been the subject of many more reports than Tory policies — 1.327 against 778, an advantage of 71 per cent — and The Sun has been more hostile to Major than to

Of Sun reports on Tory policies, 27 per cent were strongly negative against only 5 per cent for Labour. Six per cent of reports on the Tories were strongly positive compared with 14 per cent on Labour. For Labour campaign strategists, the significance of the fairer reporting in the five daily tabloids is their vast readership of 16 million among the 22 million less affluent C2DEs, half the nation's voters. One in two newspaper readers, moreover.

They will be delighted by an analysis - an innovation in studies of the press and elections — of the impact of newspaper reports on differ-ent social classes. Only among the affluent ABs has Tony Blair received more negative exposure than John Major. Meanwhile, every social class has been exposed to more favourable coverage of Blair than Major, and particularly the C2DEs (where Margaret Thatcher had so many admirers), where Blair has won

times as much

favourable coverage as Major. MORI has also compared the key issues for voters against the key stories for editors and politicians. For newspapers the main issues have been taxation (6th for voters), the economy (7th), education (2nd) and Europe (8th). Apart from education, the politicians appear to be concentrating on issues which do not preoccupy the voters. Research by media analysts

MS:Precis shows that the Tories improved their performance in the week ending

Negative coverage of Major dropped from 50 per cent to 40 per cent, and for the first time Blair got more negative than positive coverage (3) per cent to 26 per cent).

Sleaze was overtaken as the biggest issue by the economy and education, even after Martin Bell announced that he was standing against Neil Hamilton.

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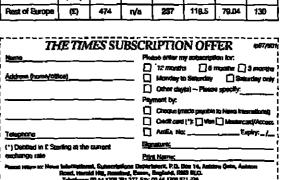
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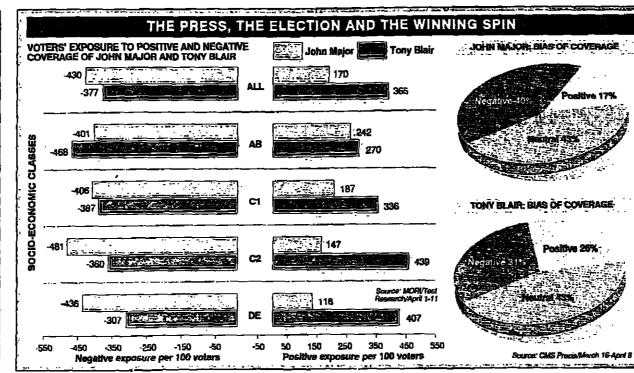
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Dame Angela and her colleagues are doing democracy a double. service, setting their face against

its erosion and providing a real choice now, when it is most

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## NEWS

## Tory Eurosceptic ranks swell

■ More than 120 former Conservative MPs had last night joined the headlong rush to declare their antipathy to a single European currency after being let off the leash by John Major. They include a junior minister who put his job on the line by

openly breaching the Government's wait-and-see approach, while a number of other minsters are more covertly letting their constituents know their opposition to monetary

#### Hundreds killed in pilgrim camp fires

■ Up to 300 people were killed and 800 injured yesterday when fires raged through two pilgrim camps on the way to Mecca. Witnesses described mass panic as flames licked through the closely pitched white tents, driven by ...Page·i fierce winds.

#### Ticket to ride

Sir Paul McCartney's daughter Stella was yesterday appointed chief designer at the French fashion house Chloe, succeeding Karl Lagerfeld. Miss McCartney, 25, has designed just three commercial collections.....

#### **Nurse accused**

À nurse murdered her commonlaw husband by injecting him with insulin so she could inherit his property and marry her lover, a court was told .... .....Page 3

#### Mon dieu!

Eric Cantona, the Manchester United football player, refused to be photographed under a giant canvas depicting him as a Christlike figure ..

#### Over the Moon

Chris Moon, who lost his right arm and leg in a landmine blast two years ago, had completed a 143-mile Sahara marathon, defying doctors who told him he would never run again.....Page 6

## Reverse leg surgery Surgeons have saved the life of a

six-year-old girl with malignant cancer in a rare operation that involved turning her left leg back to front ...

#### Food for thought

Mothers who diet make their daughters eat less, according to an eating habits survey of 400 12-year-old state school girls and ...Page 8 their mothers....

#### imperial relics

With the handover of Hong Kong to China at midnight on June 30, Britain will be left with a handful of dependent territories scattered across the globe ...... Page 16

#### St Helena unrest The governor of St Helena, one of Britain's most isolated dependencies, has left for London amid

complaints about his "dictatorial. tendencies" ...... Pages 16, 23 Albania operation The Italian-led expedition to Al-

bania began in earnest yesterday, as more than 1,000 troops from France, Italy and Spain landed by boat and plane ....

#### Royal prose

American newspaper editors were yesterday offered their first look at a weekly column in The New York Times co-written by the Duchess of York with an experienced biographer...... Page 18

#### Yeltsin art gesture

President Yeltsin is expected to make a controversial gesture of reconciliation with Germany today when he returns a work of art looted in 1945 ....

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Zaire's capital was paralysed for a second day yesterday by strikes and a failed "motorised march" planned by opposition leaders who spread a layer of absurdity over a dangerously volatile ... Page 19

#### School up before the beak

Polly the primary school pet was almost a dead duck when the cleaner who was looking after her went on holiday. Magistrates were told how the bird was found without food or clean water in the middle of the summer break. The presiding magistrate said the school in Bracknell, berkshire, should keep no more pets unless it could look after them ....



Fitz, the bulldog star of Labour's election broadcast, with Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign manager, in London yesterday

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## SPORT Simon Barnes: There is one certain

thing about every champion, every exceptional person who ever dominated a sport, and who comnelled the obedience, the serial defeat, of everyone else in the game - ultimate defeat, ultimate

Cricket: On the opening day of the season Jonathan Lewis scored an undefeated double century for Durham against Oxford University in the Parks. Paul Collingwood ....Page 54 made 107..

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## now working on a film and an installation

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Single minded: After years of research, Jane Shilling has come to the conclusion that, when shopping for clothes, you should never, ever go with anyone else. PLUS: Grace Bradberry on the apron strings of Junya Watanabe ...... Page 20

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The ayatollahs have reason to be worried by the EU's decision to suspend its "critical dialogue" with Iran. On the other hand, Rafsanjani's assertion that "the West needs us more than we need the West" ... contains a kernel of truth: the Europeans do need the Iranian market, and Italy - which has strong interests in Iran - has made clear it hopes the withdrawal of EU ambassadors is La Repubblica 'temporary".

#### MEDIA Brenda Maddox: In the end, all privacy codes fail because every

case stands or fall on its merits. Is the intrusion in the public interest? The only all-purpose answer a code can give us is "sometimes"Page 26 Even handed: Tory and Labour supporters may complain about the bias of the tabloids, but the

figures show that, for the most part,

the papers are neutral ...... Page 27

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Side by side: Terraced homes may be the solution to the need for high-

To call Mr Blair "phoney" for not much better reason than that it is rhymes with Tony is less an act of criticism and more a piece of ..Page 23 -

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Britain still has world responsibilities; it owes a decent generosity to 41 the subjects whose lives it still! ...Page 23? controls..

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#### SIMON JENKINS

Mr Blair's ideological wanderings during this election are becoming pathological. He seems without any anchor at all..

#### ALAN COREN

Let others dispute the ownership of mangy lion and toothless bulldog." let others dispatch chickens to do their dirty work, we have the lizard. Its voracious little tongue flicks ever in and out, its eager eyes swivel separately and endlessly, missing nothing, and should any one try to apprehend it, its tail comes off in their hands, freeing if to scuttle off and slither under the nearest stone, to fight another

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William Righter, former Reader in English and Comparative Lit erature at Warwick University. Timothy Mason, cellist, Andrey, Harvey, journalist and charity

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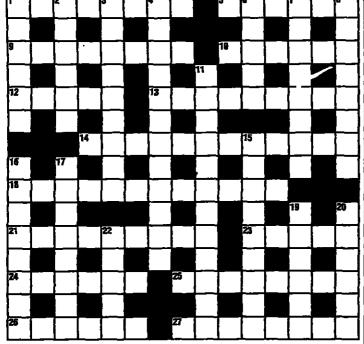
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- 25 Bone in old burial site, near the end (8).
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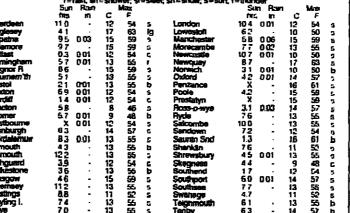
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cooler in the ear Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but northern Scotland may be cloudy with drizzle at times, these conditions extending later to eastern Scotland. Rather cool to the east, but warm in

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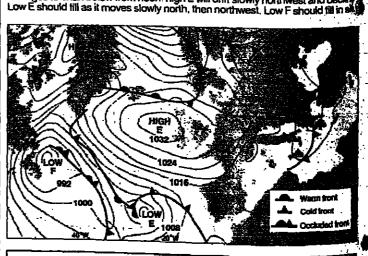
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Fiscal squeezes 'unsustainable'

# Euro doubts push pound to five-year high

By Alasdair Murray in Frankfurt and Oliver August in London

THE pound soared to its EU countries are relying on highest level for nearly five years yesterday as the torerunner to Europe's central bank voiced new doubts over Europe's monetary union.

Alexandre Lamfalussy. president of the European Monetary Institute, said the chances of the single currency proceeding on schedule in 1999 were only "significantly above 50 per cent". He also buttressed growing concern about the status of the single European currency by confirming that the institute would not insist on candidates to join the new euro meeting all the tests laid down in the Maastricht Treaty.

The pound was the main beneficiary on the markets, where traders assume it will not join in from the start. This puts further strain on Britain's monetary policy, since any rise in interest rates to forestall domestic inflation is likely to push sterling up further and hit UK manufacturers.

Sterling breached the 100 mark on its trade-weighted index for the first time since Black Wednesday in 1992 as it continued to storm past the world's other big currencies. By the Bank of England close, it had regained its 1990 par value at 100.1.Sterling pushed up from 2.7960 marks to DM2.8183 in London. It was also strong against the dollar. which dropped 0.34 cents to \$1.6257 after news of a small

rise in US inflation. The EMI said that too many

BT MOVED a step closer to

becoming a global telecom-

munications powerhouse yes-

terday when shareholders

overwhelmingly approved the

£13 billion takeover of MCI,

America's second largest long-

BT said that about 98.5 per

cent of shareholders voted in

favour. The enlarged com-

pany, to be called Concert,

awaits regulatory approval in

America and Europe, MCI

shareholders approved the deal earlier this month.

world's fourth largest telecoms group, behind NTT of

Japan, AT&T of America and

Deutsche Telekom. BT and

MCI have an estimated b per

cent share of the global mar-

ket. But outside the US and

UK only 17 per cent of the

market is open to competition.

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a figure that probably will rise

Concert will emerge as the

distance phone company.

unsustainable measures to cut government debt to levels demanded by the Maastricht Treaty. He said delay in implementing a single curren-

cy "could wreck the whole programme" by allowing member states to lose this painful budgetary discipline. In its third annual report, the EMI also launched a

stinging attack on the European Union's "dismal" job creation record, warning that unemployment could pose a serious threat to the success of a single currency. It urged cuts in labour costs and labour market reforms. Otherwise,

Stock Market

the EMI argues, divergent unemployment records could place a major strain on the single currency.
The EMI, which is due to

become the European Central Bank at the beginning of 1999. is charged with preparing a suitability of candidates for monetary union.

M Lamfalussy suggested that it would be taking a broad view, despite warnings from Britain and Germany that the convergence tests contained in the Maastricht Treaty must be strictly applied for a single currency to succeed.

He said that the Maastricht Treaty allows room for some deviation from the conver-

turn of the century. Sir Iain

Vallance, the BT chairman

who is to become co-chairman

of Concert, said: "Were we to

do nothing more than hold on

to that 6 per cent, Concert

would have revenues of £34

MCI since 1994 and is paying

a premium of about 30 per

cent for the rest. BT has said

the merger will initially dilute

earnings by about 5 per cent

and will yield savings of £1.5

billion in the first five years by

combining certain operations.

the merger benefits. Robert

Fleming, the broker, said it is sceptical about Concert's fore-

casts of a 6 per cent annual

dividend rise when severe

competition is slashing the

prices of international calls.

Being Americanised, page 33

BT closed 2½p up. at 440½.

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BT has owned 20 per cent of

billion within a few years."

BT investors back

£13bn MCI deal

By ERIC REGULY

gence targets, although he added that the sustainability of an individual government's fiscal position would need to

M Lamfalussy refused to be drawn about which countries might fail to meet the criteria, despite heavy criticism about the long-term durability of measures adopted by countries such as Italy and Belgium to reduce their deficit and debt ratios.

M Lamfalussy said that final decisions would only be taken in a year's time on the basis of for the whole of 1997.

Nick Stamenkovic, an economist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson said: "The EMI's latest annual report has raised concern about the fiscal position in Europe, in general, and in Germany."

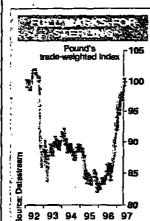
Jörg Krämer at Merrill Lynch said: "The Bundesbank should have started to hike interest rates in the autumn of last year. '

The pound's continued rise will add to the headaches of British exporters who alread report early next year on the - complain about being squeezes out of international markets at current sterling prices

An immediate UK interest rate increase, which would boost sterling further, looks less likely after the sterling hike. Figures for producer prices, released on Monday. show that sterling's recovery last autumn has already subdued any inflation pressures from industry.

City analysts said that, whoever is Chancellor after the election will want to protect exporters from further damaging exchange rate movements. hoping that domestic inflationary pressures will be choked off by the rising pound.

Further rises in sterling would, however, pose a prob-lem for Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, if he reached the Treasury. Market traders assume that, in order to establish his credibility. Mr Brown would raise base rates a week after taking office. following his first head-tohead meeting with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.



## Mary Quant, whose cosmetics empire makes royalties of about £160 million a year **Brokers face levy** on society deals

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

CRESTCO, the operator of Crest, the Stock Exchange's paperless trading system, is to penalise stockbrokers who ignore its attempts to avert a potential settlement crisis brought on by windfall shares from five demutualising build-

Last month CrestCo announced it would allow stockbrokers to batch 100 deals in converting societies into one trade. Yesterday it said that from Monday, the date of the Alliance & Leicester flotation, it would charge £1 for every unbatched deal put through Crest on top of its normal 75p levy. A spokesman said the "cost disincentive" would be increased if the broking com-

munity did not comply. The move follows confirmation from Alliance & Leicester yesterday that 1.1 million of its members had opted to hold free shares in the company in

certificate form. If repeated in the flotations of the Halifax, Woolwich, Norwich Union and Northern Rock it would create 8.7 million new share certificates. This would nose a severe strain on Crest, which works best with electronic nominee systems that dis-

pense with certificates. Shares in Alliance & Leicester are forecast to reach between 460p and 480p at a series of auctions to institutional investors starting this Friday. Analysts are waiting to see how they perform before pricing the remaining demutualisations.

The Stock Exchange has prevented an unofficial grey market in demutualisation shares on the grounds that they are not offers in the way of the privatisations of the

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## Quant to join House of Fraser board

MARY QUANT, the fashion icon who put the swing in the King's Road, is lending her charms to House of Fraser, the dowdy old dame of high street retailing.
Ms Quant, 63, becomes a

non-executive director of the department stores group, which takes in Army & Navy and Dickins & Jones. Her first shop, Bazaar, opened in Chelsea in 1955 and gave birth to the era of mini-skirts, white PVC raincoats, and skinny-rib polo-neck sweaters.

There are those who suspect that House of Fraser is out of step with the times. The company has struggled to find its way since the Fayed brothers unleashed it on the stock market three years ago. The shares, floated at 180p, were up Lp at 164p yesterday, before tomorrow's publication of the 1996 results. House of Fraser announced in January that it was to cut 1,000 jobs and clear out unwanted stock in an atternot to become competitive.

Ms Quant's arrival could herald a much-needed face-lift. Her cosmetics empire sells through more than 200 outlets in Japan alone, and makes about £160 million a year in royalties.

Brian McGowan, chairman of House of Fraser, said: "Her experience of the fashion and retail business worldwide, gained over many years, will be of immense value and help to House of Fraser, a leader in UK fashion and cosmetics."

Ms Quant issued a statement, saying: "House of Fraser has progressive ideas for the growth of their stores. and I look forward to making a positive contribution to the group's future success."

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A majority of members of Bristol & West and Northern Rock yesterday voted in favour of their societies abandoning mutuality, although there was anger at both meetings. Page 30

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## Formal move by watchdog on disciplinary proceedings

## SFA to detail complaints on Fidelity

By Robert Miller

A SENIOR City watchdog is to take the a unprecedented step of detailing the number of complaints received by investors about Fidelity Brokerage, the retail stockbroking arm of the world's

largest fund manager. Last October, the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), which polices brokers and futures traders, took the highly unusual step of banning Fidelity Brokerage, which has 30,000 clients, from signing up new investors until the

The ban was then extended to the end of this month. Last night SFA

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officials said that no decision had yet been taken on whether the sanctions on new business would be lifted within the next two weeks.

in the forthcoming issue of its Briefing magazine the SFA will set out in detail the complaints received from aggrieved Fidelity clients, many of whom suffered losses because of administrative mistakes and have been compensated. The SFA, which regulates 1,350 City firms, says that in the first nine months of its current financial year to the end of December nearly a third of the 634 complaints received concerned Fidelity Brokerage.

The SFA has now taken formal steps

"to initiate disciplinary proceedings" against the broking firm. This could result in action being taken against some senior individuals. More likely. however, is that the firm will incur a fine based on the time it has taken to clear up the problems that began last May when it switched to a new computer and administrative system at the same time as launching a major

advertising campaign for new clients. Many dividend cheques failed to be credited to the right bank accounts at the correct time. The SFA action against Fidelity Brokerage is an embarrassment for its

parent company, owned by the Ameri-

can family of Edward C. Johnson III. It has sought to build a worldwide reputation for prudent fund management on behalf of millions of pension fund clients and investors. In financial terms the SFA ban has meant that Fidelity Brokerage has just missed out on the rush at the end of tax

season was one of the busiest on record. Phil West, a Fidelity Brokerage manager, said yesterday: The SFA review procedure has not been completed and we do not want to prejudge the issue. However, we are pleased with the progress made so far."

year to invest in personal equity plans.

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## Mutuality ended at **B&W** and Northern

By CAROLINE MERRELL AND GAVIN LUMSDEN

AN overwhelming majority of members of Bristol & West and Northern Rock yesterday voted in favour of their societies abandoning mutuality, although angry scenes occurred at both extraordinary

meetings.
In total, 96 per cent of Bristol and West members accepted a £600 million takeover by the Bank of Ireland. John Burke, chief executive, said that he was delighted with the result. However, it came only after a group of about 100 protesters had attempted to adjourn the meeting in Shepton Mallett, Somerset, claiming the society

was worth at least El billion.

A ballot of the 300-plus members present decided against an adjournment by 190 to 103. A subsequent vote on accepting the takeover was won overwhelmingly, with more than 800,000 of the society's one million members having already

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London, said that he had been a member for two years and would receive a cash payment of £506 following the takeover. He added that 75 per cent of members would receive windfalls of £714, compared with E1,400 received by members of other societies floated on the

But Lord Armstrong, B&W chairman, said: "We have kept the proposal to transfer the society's business to the Bank of Ireland and we continue to believe it can best maximise the society's potential through the proposed combination with the Bank of Ireland

Meanwhile, 97 per cent of Northern Rock members voted in favour of its proposals to convert to a public limited company. Of the 650,000 investing members, 520,000 voted in favour. Of the 250,000 borrowing members, 175,000 voted in favour. Only 20,000 voted against the resolution.

The society, which will have a market capitalisation of £1 pillion, is expected to float in October. Each of the 900,000 qualifying members will get an equal distribution of 500 shares, which will be on average worth £1,400 — the highest average payout from the four converting societies.

At an EGM yesterday in Newcastle attended by about 650 members of the society, the board faced questions about the structure of the deal. Members wanted to know why shares were not to be distributed according to how much money savers had with the society.

Robert Dickinson, chairman, defended the society's decision to opt for a flat distribution. He said: "Even Solomon would have found it difficult to devise a distribution scheme that would have satisfied everyone." He added: "Eighty per cent of members are better off under this con-



Richard Holland, left, chief executive of Boosey & Hawkes, and Peter Austen, finance director, after the music publisher and instrument maker reported a 24.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £7.7 million for 1996. A final dividend of 7.43p makes a total of 9.34p

## ABF sacks NatWest over investment target failure

By ROBERT MILLER-

NATWEST has been fired as a money manager by Associated British Foods (ABF), one of its long-standing and most prestigious clients, for failing to reach performance targets. ABF, which saw its invest-

ment income fall by £6 million, to £22 million, in the six months to March 31, has some El billion of cash managed on a conservative, risk-averse basis by four City institutions. which are expected to perform

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to a "benchmark". Mike Bishop, a director of Gartmore, the fund manager bought by NatWest last year for £472 million, said last night: "We very much regret ... that we failed to meet the performance benchmark. targets." Gartmore is believed

to have been caught out by the strength of sterling. The ABF performance benchmarks are made up of two stages. The first comprises a mixture of interest rates available in the professional money markets and the per-

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formance of UK pension fund managers in general. ABF, headed by Garry Weston, then sets an additional performance "target", which is generally 1 to 2 per cent above the

As well as investing in UK fixed-interest bonds and other sterling instruments, Nat-West's mandate from ABF also allowed it to invest in overseas deposits and bonds denominated in other major currencies such as the yen. dollar and mark

EXTRA income from nursing

homes and hospitals helped to

push up operating profits 7 per cent to £52.2 million at

Bupa, the UK's biggest

healthcare company, which is

celebrating its 50th anniversa-

However, Bupa's profits be-fore tax fell from 199,2 million

to £88.9 million in the year to December 1996, which Bupa

blamed on a poorer perfor-

mance by its investment port-

folio. Edward Lea, finance

director, said 1995 had been "a

particularly good year for equities". He added: "Invest-

ment gains, both realised and

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RJB MINING paid its six

executive directors more than

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Richard Budge, chief execu-

tive, earned £656,912 in a year

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last July. He was awarded a

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## Call for tax to hit smaller water concerns

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party is believed to be considering extending its planned windfall tax across the entire water industry despite the fact that 20 local companies claim to have had none of the windfall benefits of privatisation.

The local companies serving about a quarter of the population of England and Wales believed they had been guar-anteed exemption from Labour's plans. But yesterday a spokesman for Gordon Brown said that the Shadow Chancellor had given no assurance to any company over the remit of the windfall tax.

Pressure to include the companies is coming from Britain's biggest water companies, who argue that all suppliers should be treated equally in the levy of the anticipated £3

billion-plus windfall tax. The 20 smaller water-only companies did not enjoy the tax advantages of the larger privatised companies. But the bigger water businesses argue that all water companies be included because the smaller ones are regulated and enjoy monopolies. Labour could also face tough legal obstacles if it applied a tax to just one part of an industry. Nicholas Hood, chairman of

Wessex Water, one of the ten privatised companies, said: "It seems strange that companies that have also got a regional monopoly and are regulated are not necessarily candidates for the windfall tax.

"I recognise that they did not get the green dowry, but that has been overtaken by the

regulatory process."
The smaller companies, supplying water to 12.85 million people but not dealing with sewerage, have been in the private sector for far longer than the water and sewerage companies privatised in 1989.

These companies opted to maintain independence under statutory status when the water industry was overhauled by the Water Act 1973 that led to the creation of the ten large authorities. Those authorities were sold in 1989 with tax concessions to allow for capital expenditure on infrastructure.

companies will have experi-

Reserves increased to £638.8

million from £565.3 million, an increase of 13 per cent, while

the UK solvency ratio was up to

Bupa acquired 30 nursing

homes from Greenalls in May last year for £68 million. These

helped to increase assets from £301.7 million in 1995 to £451.6

Mr Lea said Bupa is looking

for more nursing homes and hospitals, of which it has 30

each. Bupa controls 42 per cent

of the UK healthcare market,

with 40 per cent of its business

coming from private clients

and the rest from corporations.

Gains of £535,000 were made by four of the directors when

they exercised options and immediately sold them into the

market when the share price

was 555p. Six weeks later the

shares crashed to 37212p after

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Hospitals revenue

gives Bupa a lift

By Marianne Curphey

**RJB Mining directors** 

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## L&G chief nets £1m profit in share sale

DAVID PROSSER, group chief executive of Legal & General, and his wife made a profit of just over £1 million from share options yesterday when they sold 470,000 shares, half of Mr Prosser's total holding. Mr Prosser bought the shares at prices between 146p and 203p and transferred them to his wife, Rosemary, who then sold them at 391p per share. L&G-said that the sale was to constant such his and the sale was to constant such his sale was to constant such as the sale was the sa said that the sale was to generate cash "for personal use".

L&G's new business figures, which are expected to show strong growth, will be released in July. L&G shares have been rising strongly since last July, when they stood at 266p, a 12-month low. Yesterday the shares rose 4p to close at 3922p. although they remain at a discount to a high for 1997 of 4182 p. Expected strong growth from life new business, and the expectation of future dividend growth from L&G's inherited estate — surplus assets in the long-term life fund belonging to shareholders — has stimulated a demand for

## **Eyecare chief departs**

EYECARE, the manufacturer of designer spectacles, has parted company with Andre Cohen, its chief executive, after a boardroom dispute over how to resolve problems in France. Mr Cohen is understood to have proposed a solution which was opposed by Martin Franklin, non-executive chairman. Mr Franklin now intends to take a more "hands-on" role, and the management of its French operations will remain in place. Three months ago Eyecare said that problems in France — where it produces 90 per cent of its glasses — would hit profits.

## Girovend stake sold

MATTHEW ALLEN, the chief executive of Girovend Cashless Systems, has sold 17 per cent of his stake in the cashcard company. The sale comes one month after Mr Allen brought the company to the market. Mr Allen, one of the entrepreneurs who helped to float PizzaExpress, raised £292,000 from selling the shares at 195p apiece. reducing his holding to 5.58 per cent. The company's shares, which were placed at 160p four weeks ago, were unchanged at 1962 p yesterday.

## Carlton karaoke blow

CARLTON COMMUNICATIONS, the British broadcasting and media services company, is to make a provision of up to E4 million against the liquidation of Channel KTV, a karaoke music television business in Singapore that broadcasts music videos on satellite and cable television and in clubs and hotels. Carlton revealed yesterday that it had been informed of the liquidation by the board of KTV and that KTV intended to seek voluntary liquidation. Carlton was a minority shareholder. Shares in Carlton rose 4p to 498 2p yesterday.

## News Ltd appointment

LACHLAN MURDOCH will assume overall responsibility for the Australian operations of News Ltd. the News Corporation's Australasian holding company, it was announced yesterday. The move follows the retirement of Ken Cowley as executive chairman. Mr Murdoch. 25, managing director of News Ltd, is the elder son of Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp. the parent company of *The Times*. Mr Cowley had been with News Ltd for 33 years, joining in 1964 to launch *The Australian*.

## Alexon options used

JOHN OSBORN, chief executive of Alexon, the women's clothing group, has taken advantage of its shares' tenfold rise by realising stock options at a profit of £257,000. Robin Piggott. finance director, has made a £95,000 profit selling options. Mr Osborn, who has used only a fifth of his option allocation, was brought into Alexon four years ago when it was losing £12 million a year. After his reforms, including the launch of the Ann Harvey big-size range, Alexon made £10.1 million in 1996.

## Finlay hit by tea fears

SHARES of James Finlay fell 10p to 942 p in spite of the food producer lifting pre-tax profits from £3.6 million to £12 million for 1996 on sales up from £166 million to £169 million. Earnings per share rose to 6.8p (nil). The total dividend rises to 3.65p (3.15p) after payment of an unchanged second interim dividend of 2.15p. The shares fell after a statement from Finlay on weak tea markets in the first half of the current year. although a recovery is expected in the second half.

## New business up at CU

NEW LIFE insurance business at Commercial Union rose 20 per cent last year and another strong increase is expected in 1997. John Carter, chief executive, said yesterday. Speaking at the annual shareholders' meeting, Mr Carter said CU expected to report next month "a good increase in profits compared to the first quarter of 1996". He said winter weather in the northern hemisphere, including North America, had "been relatively kind to us". The shares fell 3½ p to 648p.

#### MtM raises £1.7m

MOLECULES TO MARKET, a Belfast firm chaired by John Precious, former finance director of Wellcome, has raised £1.7 million in a private placing of shares. The firm, which has 13 employees, is working on rapid testing kits for allergies, genital herpes and diabetes, and has developed a database describing the symptoms of 220 skin conditions. MtM has also signed up with an online service that will enable the firm to provide an information service to 50,000 US physicians.

## Murray's value slips

MURRAY VCT, the £20 million venture capital trust, saw a 2.3p fall in net asset value per share to 92.68p in the half year to February 28 in spite of a sharp rise in an investment, made in July, of £500,000 at 120p a share in Dobbie & Co, the garden centre operator, which joined the Alternative Investment Market just after the half year at £2 a share. Dobbie shares have since risen to £2.60. Murray is lifting its interim dividend to lp. from 0.78p, and expects to at least maintain a 1.91p final.

## a cost-cutting programme. Shoe group's £80m deal comes after restructuring loss

## MEPC buys Clark factory outlets

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

MEPC, the property company, is to pay £80 million for the factory outlets business built up by C & J Clark, the privately owned shoe group. Clarks revealed that it meeting of the creditors of the abuve-named company will be held at The George Roisi, High Street, Crawley, West Sussen, RHIO 185 on 18 April 1997 at 10:30 for the purposes mentioned in Sections 97 to 101 of the Insulativentry Act 1984. A list of names and attreases of the company's creditors will be swillable for inspection free of charge at Deloitte & Touche of A3 High Street, Crawley, West Sussen, RHIO 186 dering the book basiness days preceding the above meeting. incurred a loss last year after spending £30 million on restructuring. Roger Pedder, chairman of Clarks, said

the sale of the factory outlets did not necessarily take the group any closer to a long-awaited flotation. "It is a much bigger issue outside the business than within," he said. A flotation might take place if, for example, Clarks wanted to make a large overseas acquisition.

and the Yorkshire Outlet centre at Doncaster, which is jointly owned by Clarks and RAM Euro Centers. The centres sell surplus stocks of clothing and goods. MEPC will pay £55 million in cash and £25 million in loan notes for the centres. Clarks plans to distribute the £53.25 million it will net from the deal directly to its 6,500 shareholders. Around 70 per cent of the company is owned by some 400 members of the family.

In the year to January 31. Clarks incurred a pre-tax loss of £400,000 after el ceptional charges, compared to a profe

The deal covers the factory outlets at Street in Somerset, Kendal in Cumbria of £24.8 million a year earlier. Operating profit feil from £35.8 million to £33.6 million. Sales crept up from £721 million to £727 million. Shareholders will receive a 7p per share dividend, as last year.

MEPC, which hopes to complete the deal in early June, bought its first outlet centre, Royal Quays in North Shields, a year ago. James Tuckey, chief executive, said MEPC would be interested in acquiring other centres. It is planning to add more leisure and catering facilities to the Clarks centres,

Clarks' £30 million restructuring charge last year covered the closure of five factories and around 1,400 job cuts.

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☐ AS BEFTTS an organisation whose main proponents include Geoffrey Boycott and Frederick Forsyth, the level of debate put forward by the Referendum Party has rarely risen much above the waterline. After all this droning on about the influence of Brussels, Sir James and his crew should sing a different tune. How about domination by

If ammunition is needed it was provided yesterday by the annual report of the European Monetary Institute. In Referendum terms, this could be categorised as a German-based body barking instructions about how eveyone should run their economies so they can fit in with some Euro masterplan to let our soverign currencies be subsumed by the almighty mark. In reality, the EMI is telling off Germany as much as any other country. But even vociferous Europhiles can see a worrying issue arising about the role of the Bank of England

after monetary union. As the EMI made quite clear yesterday, it will be the body in charge of monetary policy across Europe. It will have a relatively small staff, so it will devolve responsibility for operating monetary policy within the in-dividual European states to the

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central banks. But doesn't that mean that the grand old Bank of England will be turned into little more than the banking equiva-

lent of a McDonald's franchise? It will hire the staff, cook the burgers and serve them, but the recipe will be written by Frankfurt. Is this a dignified role for our central bank? And just when the mandarins

at Threadneedle Street thought prospects could not get any bleaker, along comes Alastair Darling, Labour's man in the City. Brandishing the Treasury Select Committee report into the Barings scandal — which ac-cused the Bank of being too close to the financial institutions it regulates - Mr Darling appears to want to shake up financial regulation in a way that does not favour the Bank. Mr Darling is in favour of the twin peaks approach that does away with the old fashioned division of financial institutions into banks and securities firms and instead frames regulation by reference to the intended customer. Selling to

the general public will be heavily regulated, but selling to pro-fessional investors will have a lighter touch. Mr Darling is also in favour of getting rid of the self-regulatory organisations and giving more power to the Securities and Investments Board. In his vision there will be only one regulator in town and that looks

like being the SIB not the Bank. The Bank has been a key influence on British finance for 303 years. In the next five, it could lose most of its power. It's enough to make Eddie George vote for the Referendum Party.

#### Pinning hopes on a nation of parasites

☐ HAS that longed-for feeling of financial wellbeing at last bathed Middle England in a golden sweat? Or have we just become a nation of serial parasites?

Up to 16 million people, subject to some extravagant doublecounting, will soon be able to make their choice as recipients of



the windfalls of demutualisation. Judging by the latest returns from Alliance & Leicester Build-ing Society, first of the current batch, a quarter of them might take the cash straight away.
When Abbey National pio-

neered conversion, amid much scepticism, only a quarter had sold after 12 months. Surveys suggested only 10-15 per cent of the customers of Halifax et al would have nothing to do with the stock market. Faster sales make wonderful

news for financial institutions, many of which feel obliged to stock up on the shares as soon as possible. If they can buy lots of A&L via auctions of unwanted shares, they will not after all have to pay through the nose.

Forecasts of early prices are sagging, making it less than certain that A&L will leap straight into the FT-SE 100 share index. That is bad news for the majority who want to stay on even if, as one broker tastefully claimed, the chance of A&L avoiding takeover is "as likely as a 2nd lieutenant surviving the First World War".

The more pressing issue is what pocketers do with their cash. When the economy seemed to sag last year, some economists hoped windfalls would boost consumer spending, perhaps by paying down credit card debt to replenish spending power. Buoy-ant consumer spending is now a bit of a worry, so other econo-mists predict that windfalls will not be spent. Even shares cashed immediately, they argue, will be deposited in other building societies to earn new windfalls.

Such mercenary behaviour may well prevail over the desire

to buy goods now. Unless Gordon Brown courts loathing by taxing this other windfall, as he probably should, the economy

#### How quaint to choose Quant

will have to wait for the shock.

DEBENHAMS has Jasper Conran and Philip Treacy, Dorothy Perkins is in partnership with Clements Ribeiro and even dear old Marks & Spencer is linked with Ghost and Betty Jackson. So who is House of Fraser inviting on to its board in the hope of attracting the fashionable younger audience it needs to revitalise its flagging

stores? Mary Quant.
The cloud that engulfed House of Fraser last year is not lifting, despite a management shake-out instituted by John "Texas" Coleman. You could go elephant hunting in many of the stores without hitting a customer and tomorrow's results are not likely to inspire. If sales for the year

have risen in money terms, then it will be little more than a miracle and they are sure to have shrunk when inflation is subtracted. Massive provisions may have removed the stock problem - but only in accounting terms.

So what is to be done? Fraser is not winning the customers it needs and Sixties star Ms Quant cannot be relied on to attract them. The store portfolio is being pruned but if the product mix is not right, does it matter? Hopes of a bid have faded, along with the fortunes of the City's favour-ite bidder, Sears. The market should have spotted it was being sold a pup when Fraser was floated. As they say in Tatton. never accept a present from Mohamed Al Fayed.

#### Danish best

STANDARD & POOR'S, the US credit analyst, has assigned an unbeatable AAA rating to loans raised to finance the Baltic's Oresund link between Sweden and Denmark. How different from our own dear Eurotunnel link between Britain and France. But the Oresundskonsortiet loan is guaranteed by governments at each end, an arrangement banned from the Channel lest it led to cost overruns. How wise.

# policy change

ALMOST ten million shares dividend.

The company, formed from

LucasVarity said it has no plans to change its cumbersome name because completion of the integration of the two businesses is of greater

shareholders, including divi-This is 50 per cent more than the E100 million it would have paid out if it had maintained the 7p-a-share dividend paid last year by Lucas Industries,

a share for the year to January

N Brown

abandons

the hunt

ended, Lucas Varity will pay a dividend of 2.25p on July 1. Investment funds that seek income are expected to sell their holdings in LucasVarity. or risk falling short of their income target. The company's shares closed 2½p lower at 198p yesterday, having initial-

ly run as high as 206p. The change in dividend policy is driven by tax considerations. LucasVarity does not make enough money in the UK to make full use of the relief for advance corporation tax.

Lucas Varity's first results since its merger showed an operating profit of £336 million on sales of £4.6 billion — a 5 per cent rise on the pro forma total from Lucas and Varity separately in the previous year. Pretax profits for the year to ing costs, were £282 million.

The group has set aside £250 million for restructuring that has cost 3,000 jobs at a cost of £105 million. It is seeking buyers for 13 businesses. The changes will save £120 million a year, although the full benefit will not be felt for two years.

# LucasVarity rattles market

By PAUL DURMAN

in LucasVarity changed hands car electrics group confirmed that it is cutting its annual

a £3.2 billion merger in September, intends to supplement its dividend by regularly buying back shares in the market. This year it plans to buy in 3 per cent, or about 44 million. of its shares.

Neil Arnold, finance director, said LucasVarity expects to make a total distribution to

the British half of the combine. The dividend will fall to 4.5p

1998. For the period just

## Reckitt puts the record

By Sarah Cunningham

N BROWN, the home shopping company that last month broke off talks with Sears about buying its Freemans mail order arm, has abandoned its quest for a large

tax profit of £37.1 million in the year to March I, compared to £31.2 million a year earlier. Sales grew 21.5 per cent to £280.5 million, helped by a large increase in first-time customers. In the first six weeks of this year, sales grew

Sir David Alliance, chairman, said he is not interested in making acquisitions for their own sake. "We could have bought Freemans." he said, "but we would only do it if it were to improve shareholder value." However, he added that smaller bolt-on acqusitions are still likely.

Earnings per share rose from 14,42p to 17.03p. A final dividend of 4.8p (4.6p) will be paid on July 25, giving a full-

# straight

By Graham Searjeant

RECKITT & COLMAN, the household products multinational, has been forced to amend its 1995 accounts after objections were raised by the Financial Reporting Review Panel

Reckitt initially overvalued its El billion acquisition of America's L&F Products at the end of 1994 and then subsequently cut the fair value in its accounts by £81 million to £726 million. But it failed to explain this to

shareholders. The review panel ruled that Reckitt had failed to comply with FRS6, the accounting standard covering acquisitions and mergers. In doing so, it had also failed to comply fully with requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

The panel has powers to take companies to court and oblige them to issue new eccounts, but agreed that Reckitt could issue a a note making good the omission in its 1995 accounts with its 1996 accounts. These were sent to

Tempus, page 32 | shareholders yesterday.

## McCann departs in Servisair shake-up

By Fraser Nelson

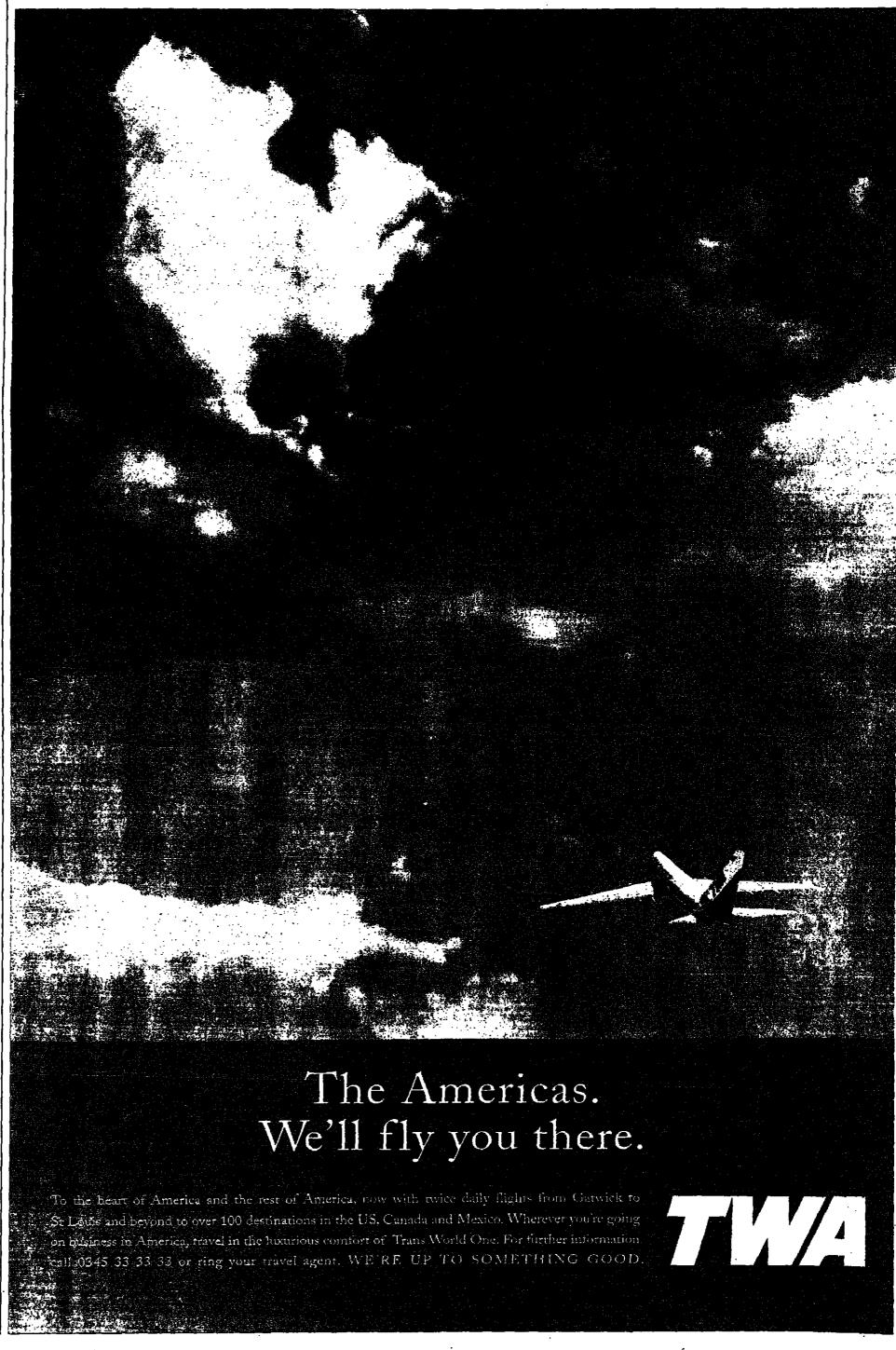
joined the stock market two years ago, has announced a boardroom shake-up and the departure of Tony McCann as xecutive chairman.

Mr McCann, who was paid £133,000 for a three-day week. was said to have left to pursue his other business interests. He leaves with share options

currently worth £570,000. The move comes just two weeks after the company part-

SERVISAIR, the aircraft ed company with David Colmaintenance company that lier, who only 18 months previously had been appointan appointment which, according to Mr McCann, "just didn't work out".

> Mr McCann, 56, will now be replaced by John Willis, currently chief executive. A replacement for Mr Willis is expected to be named by the shares gained 9p yesterday to



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## American inflation figures cheer UK and US markets

pressures are easing cheered investors on both sides of the Atlantic in London, prices wiped out Monday's losses to close just below their best levels of the day.

The FT-SE 100 index finished up 35.1 at 4,286.8, encouraged by a near 100-point rally by the Dow Jones industrial average at the start of trading in New York following a smaller than expected rise in US inflation.

Trading in London, how-ever, remained thin with just 787.9 million shares changing hands. Early attention focused on BT, 212p firmer at 44012p. as shareholders gave their approval for the proposed £13 billion merger with MCI to form Concert. It will be the biggest deal in British corporate history.

Scottish Power, 12p firmer at 38112p, came out with top marks in NatWest Securities' latest Utility Watch. Despite the prospect of windfall levies and other tax charges being imposed at some stage, divi-dend growth should comfortably exceed the rest of the market. Others to go better included Northern Ireland Electricity, 1212p to 380p, National Power, 512p to 54012p, Scottish Hydro, 512p to 39212p. and Southern Electrie, 6p to 434 2p.

The banking sector received a welcome boost from Lehman Brothers yesterday with the publication of its UK Clearing Banks 1997 Annual Review. The 169-page tome predicts that the sector's re-rating will continue, with all the bull factors that have supported prices in the past five years still in place. Lehman said: "All that has changed is that the share prices are higher."

The Lehman banking team has given pride of place this year to Lloyds TSB, up 7p at 51312p, as the "prime domestic recommendation" and a tip that the shares could justify a E10 stock price in 1999. Others find favour included HSBC, up 37p at £15.19, Royal Bank of Scotland, 2p firmer at 53312p, Stan dard Chartered, 1912p higher at 847p, Abbey National, up 5p to 790p, and Bank of Scotland, 612p better at 31912p.

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Watermark, up 6p, has high hopes in the Miss World contest

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Shield Diagnostics touched 635p before closing 1212p better at 620p as the company began a series of presentations for fund managers arranged by UBS, its new broker.

Growing optimism about the outlook for Dermagraft, its new skin treatment, put an early 3p on Smith & Nephew

effects. The shares responded with a rise of 1412n at 38012n. Great Universal Stores continued to make headway, rising 19p to 65212p after this week's £180 million acquisition of Direct Marketing Technology in the US.

A positive trading statement lifted Capita Group 5212p to 68712p in a thin market. Rod Aldridge, chairman, told

CITY speculators have started calling time on Century Inns, the fast growing pubs operator, which last month splashed out almost £10 million on 65 tenanted houses. Word is Whitbread, which has expansion plans of its own, may have given the company a close look. At these levels, Century is valued at £72 million.

to 18112p. The latest trial report on the artificial skin product proved to be positive. The company is now applying approval

An update by Chiroscience on Phase 3 trials being conducted on Levobupivacaine, its new local anaesthetic, proved upbeat. It is reputed to require lower dosages and thereby reduces the risk of side

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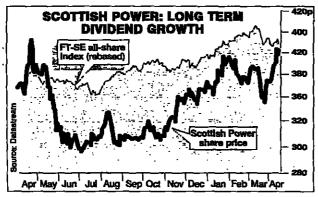
shareholders that trading in the first quarter was substantially ahead

On AIM, shares in Watermark, the marketing services headed by John Caulcutt, rose 6p to 34p after it saw profits more than double last year and having secured the rights to manage the Miss World competition later this year in the Seychelles. The group hopes it

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profits accruing from the television rights and promotional activities. Watermark joined AIM in July last year at 13p and is paying its first dividend

One of the best performances yesterday was in Optometries, with the price more than doubling from 11p to 2212p. This follows an announcement late on Monday that certain directors had agreed to dispose of 5.4 million shares, or 53 per cent of the company, at 16'2p to "certain places". One of them is reckoned to be Peter Levine, deputy chairman of Severfield Reeve, who is heading up a consortium of investors. On completion of the sale, Mr Levine is expected to be appointed chairman.

Eyecare Products dipped op to 13p on learning that Andre Cohen had resigned after a boardroom dispute over the company's direction.

Alexon, the retailer, firmed ap to 1961 ap, unperturbed by the decision of John Osborn. chief executive, to exercise an option on 200,000 shares at 6512p before selling them at 194p. Sir John Nott, the former Defence Minister, has sold more than half his stake in Hillsdown Holdings, where he is chairman. The 43,399 shares were sold at 19412p. Hillsdown closed 22p dearer

at 19712p.

GILT-EDGED: Prices in London took their lead from positive performances by both US Treasury bonds and German bunds. Gains stretched to more than £1 at the longer end as investors anxiously awaited today's employment and earnings numbers.

The Bank of England says it plans to issue £2 billion of existing tap Treasury 7 per cent 2002 in next week's auctions. Brokers had been expecting the bank to issue £2.5 billion of extra stock. In the futures pit, the June

series of the long gilt closed £2932 higher at £10934 as the total number of contracts completed reached 67,000. in longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 soared £1332 to £103316, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000

was E14 better at £1022332. ☐ NEW YORK: Blue chips held on to most of the morning's gains, though technology shares slid after poor earning news from Intel Corp. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 88.70 points higher at 6,540.60.

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## Short-circuited

car electricals and components group, looking weak. Doubtless some income funds were less keen to own shares in the car parts group after its US management decided to slash the dividend and replace part of the cash payout with a programme of share buybacks. On fiscal grounds, LucasVarity's plans have sense. The company's UK earnings are insufficient to generate a tax bill high enough to offset against the advance corporation tax (ACT) on its dividend. American shareholders prefer share buybacks and such a policy does not aggravate the £90 million ACT problem.

The worry is that a commitment to buybacks will be less exact (and less exacting) than dividend payments. Lucas Varity, of course, sees only a future of rising profits and strengthening cash flow. But such a sanguine

FRANTIC share trading left LucasVarity, the view of future trading hardly bears consideration given the recent problems of US motor manufacturers. A profits slump accompanied by a hike in interest rates would consign buybacks to the bin.

Big fans of the fashionable concept of economic value added, the Lucas Varity bosses are therefore likely to be big borrowers. However, for UK institutions dividend payments have become a key measure of company value and for mature funds, a means of matching their pension liabilities. They are unlikely to abandon dividends for the sake of business school theory. Moreover, a change in corporate taxation by a new government could remove some of the advantages to heavily indebted balance sheets. American investors will need big pockets to absorb further selling from UK institutions.

Borneo, probably the next

deal. While oil price expecta-

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as Enterprise Oil will be hurt

by lower oil prices and

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investors should take note.

#### Oil exploration

INVESTORS in UK oil exploration stocks are beginning to look like passengers on the Titanic. Since January, the price of a barrel of Brent Crude has fallen from \$25 per barrel to below \$18 but over the same period the shares of oil exploration companies have gone from strength to strength. More worrying still is a compari-son with the the American oil sector, where share prices have suffered a healthy setback after a 28 per cent fall in the price of crude oil.

Why have their British cousins escaped punishment? The hattle between Gulf Canada and Clyde Petroleum early in the year added some froth to valuations but no further bids emerged. Indeed, the high ratings have probably deterred predators. In the UK, the sector is valued at a

N BROWN'S grander ambi-

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to launch catalogues and GUS could make a serious tive, factory outlets may look like boring retail sheds, but move to tackle the direct with one important distincmarket. These threats cannot tion - the retailers have every incentive to restrict their be ignored, but growth of the

frustrated might-have-been. Attempts to enter the big time through a takeover of the Littlewoods home shopping business and, more recently, a bid for Freemans, it to look to its laurels. led N Brown nowhere. Littlewoods spurned the overtures and Sears wanted too much money for Freemans.

N Brown is left pointing its gun at an empty horizon and it said yesterday that it will concentrate on organic growth. Fortunately, this is company's strengths. Few companies have such a consistent record of growing sales and profits.

The only caveat is that N Brown's market is set for considerable upheaval. Marks & Spencer is planning, for next year, its first foray into catalogue sales of its adult clothing ranges, Burton also plans

home shopping market as a supply. Typically, they sell whole should provide marked-down designer clothes, occasionally seconds' enough room for expansion, and N Brown has the advantbut more often slow-moving ages of being established and stock or last year's fashions. well-liked by its customers. Lowish rents in out-of-town As yet, there is no reason for locations mean that retailers

#### MEPC

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IN SPITE OF all the mud flung at MEPC after the disclosure of bid talks with Hammerson, the company has not lost its ability to do interesting deals. Last April, MEPC bought a factory outlet shopping centre in Newcastle and yesterday it acquired the Clarks portfolio for £80 million. Together, the assets are worth about £100 million, and MEPC is keen to lift its share, currently 30 per cent, of this thriving sub-sector of the retail property market.

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**WALL STREET** 

ty and retailing) prone to boom-and-bust excess, this is an excellent discipline MEPC has no intention of developing factory outlet sites but is keen to acquire more and could be a home for BAA's factory outlet investment if the latter chose to sell.

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panies can be dangerous — for

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even when a British company

buys a foreign company of a

similar size it seems to lose its Britishness with astounding

Shareholders of British

Telecom yesterday over-

whelmingly approved BT's £13 billion takeover of MCl. America's second largest long-

distance carrier. They proba-

bly did not notice that the

upper echelons of Concert, the

merged entity, will be loaded

Jerry Taylor, chief executive

of MCl, has emerged as

president and chief operating

officer of Concert, although he

reports to Sir Peter Bonfield,

the chief executive. Bert Rob-

erts, MCI's chairman, is to share the chairman's office

with Sir Iain Vallance and half

the management positions

immediately below them are

filled with MCI brass. Concert

will have headquarters in

Washington and London and

its shares are to be listed in

New York and London. Although Mr Taylor is al-

ways quick to say that "Peter is

the boss", one wonders how

many years will pass before

Concert effectively becomes an

American operation. Mr Tay-

lor does not appear anxious to

call it a day and embark on a leisurely spending spree with

the \$44 million he is to receive for his MCI shares and op-

tions. He has signed a three-

year contract at Concert at

\$700,000 a year and gives every indication that he is

gearing up for the long haul. "I

don't see this as the end of my

career," he told The Times

recently. "I see it as a huge

The reality is that BT would be in trouble if MCI's manage-

ment did a runner. BT, in spite

of its size, is a remarkably

parochial company. The vast

majority of its operations are

in the United Kingdom and it

knows little about the Ameri-

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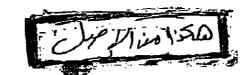
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MCI "the world's best market

opportunity to carry on."

with American names.



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# **DIARY**

#### Challenge to NatWest board

RORY MURPHY, general secretary of the NatWest Staff Association, is trying to unscat one of his bosses from the bank's board. He is standing for election to the board of directors, in an effort to gain more influence for workers.

Murphy, who pledged to redirect any remuneration earned, if elected, to the staff association, wants to ensure that workers are not affected by the recent £90 million black hole that was discovered in the bank's books. The current directors standing for reelection, who have the full backing of the board, include Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman, and Martin Owen, the chief executive of NatWest Markets, who took a £200.000 cut in his bonus in the wake of the mispricing affair. Murphy will put the issue to the vote at the group's annual meeting next Tuesday.

COMMISERATIONS to John Carter, chief executive of Commercial Union. who kept himself upright at yesterday's annual meeting by balancing on crutches. Resplendent in a smart grey suit, with a plaster cast up to one knee, Carter's injury is the



Tony Hales can expect £10,000 a year at Villa

#### Hales for Villa

TONY HALES, the soccer crazy chief executive of Allied Domecq, is joining the board at Aston Villa Football Club. To make time for his new appointment, Hales stood down yesterday as a non-executive director of Hyder, after four years at the water company, where he picked up £25,000 per annum. A lifelong supporter of the premiership club, currently preparing for a stock market flotation, he can expect to earn £10.000 a year in his new role. Until he takes up the position at the end of this year, his fee will be redirected to Allied Domecq. In reference to my earlier story about Hales's football tour in Spain with 16 youngsters in tow. I am told that the opposing teams had clearly spent more time in training.

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#### Fish rent

THE Lord Mayor swapped his customary breakfast fry-up for Dover sole yesterday. At the crack of dawn, accompanied by six members of the ancient Company of Watermen and Lightermen, Alderman Roger Cork sailed from Mansion House to Billingsgate Market, to hand over the annual rent for the fish market, which is set at "one fish per annum" to the Corporation of London. The Lord Mayor, however, stopped short of touching the fish. A Corporation of London spokeswoman said: "He was shaking a lot of hands, and it wouldn't have been terribly nice."

#### Lamb turns horse

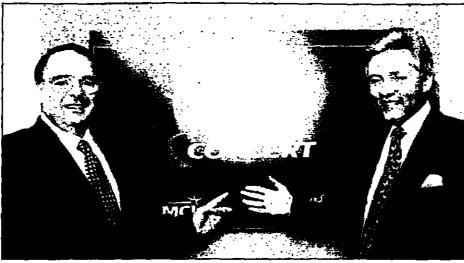
A BLACK horse attended yesterday's Lloyds TSB annual meeting in Edinburgh. Two members of the quaintly named Lamb. Lloyds and Midland Bank Boycon, gained admittance to the meeting as a pantomime horse, on the ground that they were

shareholders. MORAG PRESTON

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## Eric Reguly on the Americanisation of business

## After overpaid and over here ... it's over us



Concert party: Jerry Taylor, left, and Sir Peter Bonfield announce the BT-MCI deal



Robert Bauman, an American, engineered the merger of SmithKline and Beecham

and by the 1980s it was drifting. Sir Ronald Halsted was fired as chief executive and no suitable Briton could be found to replace him. In the end, Beecham recruited Robert Bauman, an American, to run the show.

attacker" at yesterday's share-Mr Bauman was quick to holders' meeting. The "Americanisation" of introduce American-style British companies is nothing management techniques to new. SmithKline Beecham. Beecham. He reportedly asked one of the world's largest Lord Keith, the chairman, to produce the corporate plan, to classic case of the tail wagging which Lord Keith replied: That's part of the problem. SmithKline started life as a We don't have one."

Philadelphia apothecary and ran into trouble in the 1980s In 1989, Mr Bauman engineered Beecham's merger with Smithkline. Overnight, when its drugs pipeline took Beecham became one of the on the characteristics of an largest players in the Ameriecho chamber. Beecham, can pharmaceuticals market founded in the last century by and, since then, the group has Thomas Beecham, an English laxative salesman, had troubecome less and less British. bles of its own. Their British Mr Bauman was replaced by brands, including Brylcreem and Macleans toothpaste. Jan Leschly, a hard-driving Dane who spends less than a third of his time in Britain. were a flop in the US market

Half of the company's £7.9 billion in sales are in the US, against some 7 per cent in the United Kingdom, and 38 per cent of shareholders are American, up from 23 per cent in 1995. SmithKline Beecham is considered a multinational company if you live in Britain and an American company if you live in the US. Six of its 12 management team members are American.

amples of British companies losing their identity. One of the daftest instances of dynamic corporate finance activity surely is to nay a premium to lose control of your business to another company. Yet this happened in full daylight to Wiggins Teape Appleton. The coup, made by France's Worms/Saint-Louis alliance. came barely six months after

the naive group's flotation. WTA brought together paper companies owned by

Both measures have advan-

BAT Industries in Britain and the US in preparation for a demerger in June 1990. BAT brought in Stephen Walls, youthful but recently vanquished champion of the Clark family's Plessey group, to head the combined company. Mr Walls thought expansion by acquisition was the strategy for WTA, so he was delighted in December 1990 to secure a merger with Arjomari, a smaller but important French paper group.

Arjomari was not independent, however, it was controlled by the Saint-Louis group, which was heavily influenced by the Worms financial group. As a result of the takeover, these French interests gained a controlling 40 per cent of the combined Arjo Wiggins Appleton.

Mr Walls was assured of management independence. But the new controllers understandably soon started taking strategic financial decisions, insisting on big cuts in the 1992 dividend. Mr Walls moved on with £700,000 in his pocket. AWA shares remain quoted in London and the Franco-British board is carefully balanced. But it is now regarded as a French company.

as a French company.

Metal Box is another inglorious example. The stuggling packaging group turned itself around in the 1980s and merged with Carnaud of France. In this instance, however, the merger was specially structured to stop MB Group, parent of Metal Box, assuming control, as would normally have happened. Instead. Carnaud management quickly seized control.

At least one company has succeeded in Americanising two great corporate names on two continents. Varity, having Americanised Massey-Ferguson of Canada, is now doing the same with Lucas of Brit-ain. The irony is that the excercise is being directed by a native Briton, Victor Rice.

By the 1980s, Massey-Ferguson was severing limbs in an effort to keep the body alive. Under Victor Rice, Massey-Ferguson found salvation by evolving into a car compo-nents company called Varity. In the early 1990s, Varity abandoned Toronto for Buffalo. New York, a move that enraged Canadian taxpayers who had helped to save Mas-

sey-Ferguson from oblivion. Mr Rice surfaced in Britain last year when he engineered Varity's merger with Lucas. Varity went to great lengths to stess that the deal was a genuine merger of equals, with 60 per cent of Lucas-Varity's top 160 managers coming from Lucas and 40 per cent from Varity. Five of the group's seven divisions are headed by Lucas managers. In reality Varity seems very much in control. The chief operating officer and the finance director came from Varity and the creation of a single head office triggered the loss of more than 500 jobs. most of them from Lucas.

The company is importing Wall Street traditions, among them the effort to replace dividend payments with regu-lar share buybacks. It seems to have backed away from plans to drop its "cumbersome" name, but cynics would not be surprised if "Varity" emerges triumphant. The first three letters, they note, form the initials of Victor A Rice.

Will the trend continue? Probably. One British management consultant who spends much of his career in the US said Britain produces fewer good managers than America. Britain's best and brightest, he notes, gravitate towards the legal and investment banking worlds. "Here, management, especially industrial management, is still considered grubby. In the US, the opposite is true. American managers are generally better at what they do."

The French, for their part, are simply better at corporate



ANTHONY HARRIS

## Sterling at 100: play it again, Tony

fate that the exchange markets have ensured that, in one sense. John Major may leave office exactly where he came in. But if you think that sterling's reappearance within its old ERM bands suggests that the exchange-rate regime is a non-issue in the long run,

think again. Overvaluation still means less inflation and less growth, as it did in 1992; but there is all the difference in the world between an exchange rate chosen through political misjudgment and intended to stick, and a rate that results from a market swing that will certainly swing back in due course. It is the pros and cons of this change that Tony Blair and Gordon Brown will have to

work out. Exchange-rate volatility may offend the sense of order which is a management principle of Toyota; but, in the larger view, there is an important trade-off. Bigger financial swings mean smaller swings in the real economy. Within one country asset price increases which result from falling interest rates make capital cheap and so help to end the recession that made rates fail in the first place.

Exchange-rate swings have something of the same function internationally. Strong economies produce strong exchange rates; weak ones devalue. As a result, growth in one or two countries stimulated exports from the weaker economies. The more open the economy, the more powerful are these forces of international stabilisation

This is already beginning to happen: there are signs of export-led growth in Japan and Germany, and of strong-currency deflation in the US and the UK. In due course, this will produce a profit squeeze in the current strong economies, with a new round of cost-cutting and labour shedding. Trade balances will also swing into the red, which will provoke, no doubt, the usual handwringing. But, in due course, the current strong currencies will follow their economies down, and the whole cycle will start again. In other words, a world of

floating exchange rates is one in which trade cycles are naturally out of step. In the days of the Bretton Woods regime this was regarded as a problem: even — since the IMF had the task of financing the trade imbalances that appear when cycles are out of step — as the problem of international economic

But experience showed that this was bureaucrafic silliness. In the early 1970s the IMF managed to co-ordinate a world boom: the result was world-wide inflation. When that was addressed in the mid-1970s, we had what threatened to be a world slump. We can now see that, as when troops march over a bridge, break-ing step may look ragged but is really much safer.

Could the same be true within Europe? That is the economic question at the heart of the EMU debate. A durable union would ensure, after a time, that the whole European economy would behave as one national economy, booming or slumping as a unit. This might be seen as helpful by corporate management, but would pose a series of headaches for the new central bank. Could cost pressures at the centre be countered without pushing the lagging regions into long-term de-cline? Is the whole Euroeconomy open enough to enjoy much imported stability through the exchange markets? These are two of the difficult questions which disturb the sleep of thoughtful critics like Otmar Issing of the Bundesbank, and our own Eddie George.

nd that is not the end A of it. Suppose you conclude, as Issing does (and I agree), that EMU is a dangerously premature project, but it hap-pens all the same (as the international bond markets seem to believe). What will then be right for Britain? Float independently on a choppy tide, as John Major believes? Or join what may be a doomed convoy, as he once thought? That is the question Tony Blair promises to resolve — a bold undertaking. But if he hopes for any help from a referen-dum it is too bold by half.

## Testing time for those falls in unemployment figures

he Government will to-day unveil what minis-L ters hope will be the decisive pre-polling day economic news of a further large-scale fall in unemployment, which the Conservatives will present as clear evidence of the success of their management of the economy.

Ministers, who were given the figures on Monday, believe the number of people out of work and claiming benefit is now falling at up to 30,000 a month, or even more. Labour, which is vociferously suspicious of the figures, will today set out details of its welfare-to-work

Accompanying today's un-employment figures for March will be other data, which, for the first time, will provide the opportunity of testing how far the manimoth falls in claimant unemployment of recent months have given an accurate picture of the job scene.

Critics claim that the figures have become less reliable since the Government's radical revision of the benefit system for the unemployed with the introduction of the Jobseeker's Ailowance (JSA).

Unemployment in Britain is measured in two main ways. The first, the claimant count (CC), is the regular and familiar "unemployment" total issued each month, like today's main figure. This is a straight administrative count of the number of people on a particular day each month who are out of work and claiming state benefit as assistance. The measure changes as governments alter the benefit system and is the one that Labour regularly Data today offers a chance to check out the figures, says Philip Bassett

derides as "fiddled figures" tages - and drawbacks. On

following more than 30 changes to it since 1979. The second, so-called ILO unemployment, is a measure of the number of people out of work drawn from the Government's Labour Force Survey (LFS). This survey is taken

every three months among a statistically representative sample of 60,000 households across Britain, which registers people as unemployed ac-

cording to an internationally accepted standard set by the International Labour Office. The two measures do not fully overlap because of the different definitions of being unemployed that

each uses. In the way the ILO counts, The figures are regarded some claimwith suspicion by Labour ants are not unemployed, while some nonclaimants are deemed as unemployed. In recent years, the gap between the two measures has varied. It was largest in spring 1990, at 422,000, when

unemployment was close to

bottoming out on both mea-

sures, and smallest in spring

1993, at 66,000, when on both

counts unemployment was

near its peak.

the ground of cost, Conservative ministers have refused to make the LFS a monthly survey as a check against CC unemployment. If Labour is elected, a move to a monthly LFS is likely. Ministers insist that the two measures broadly follow the same trend. But the average quarterly difference between ILO unem-

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ployment and CC unemployment since the date of the last general election in spring 1992 is as high as 255,500. Unemployment as measured on the ILO definition is consistently higher than CC unemploy-

ment. The Government's opponents use this gap as

part of their evidence to claim that the "real" level of unemployment is higher than unemployment as measured by the claimant count, currently 1.75 million, or 6.2 per cent of the workforce.

Recentlythe two measures have been diverging even more. From spring 1995 the two counts have moved even further out of line, even before the sharp drop in the claimant in advance of polling day.

count seen from the end of last year with the start of JSA. Looking at the CC figures for the same period as the ILO unemployment count to be published today, claimant unemployment dropped by an equivalent of 184,000. This represented a fall of 135,000 for men and 49,000 for women.

This is equivalent to falls of 9.2 per cent for men, and 10.6 per cent for women - or 9.5 per cent overall. For today's LFS figures to validate the claimant count fully, that would mean declines, in rounded terms, of 133,000 in male unemployment and 83,000 in female unemployment.

In other words (with figures again subject to roundtoday's ILO ìπg). unemployment would have to fall from 2.33 million to 2.02 million — a drop of 212,000 - to give the fullest possible support to the monthly claimant count figures, on which the Government will place much emphasis today.

Unless the decline in the ILO count approaches this figure the Government's political opponents are likely to maintain their scepticism about the monthly unemployment figures.

Labour will be able to claim that the present joblessness level is still higher now, even after the recent extraordinary falls in unemployment, than it was when the last Labour government left office in 1979. But if the total drops again today, it will be an important political score for the Conservatives

## **NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY**

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF PAKISTAN

#### **NOTICE INVITING**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR BOT PROJECTS OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN PAKISTAN

National HIGHWAY.AUTHORITY (NHA), invites expression of Interest from Interested Road Building and Operating Companies (RBOC's) for financing, designing, constructing and operating following sections of Trans Pakistan Motorway and other expressways/bridge.

Name of the Project	<u>Lensth</u>	Estimated Cost (Rs Mullion)
1. Lahore-Faisalabad Motorway (4 lanes)	99Km	Rs 10,241 M
Sheikhupura-Faisalabad-Multan D.G. Khan Motorway (4 lanes)	405Km	Rs 52.095 M
3. Karach-Dureli-Kakar	341Km	Rs 14.260 M
(near Dadu) (Phase I; 2 lanes) Expressway (Phase II; 4 lanes)		(for Phase 1 only)
4. Gwadar-Ratodero Motorway (2 lanes)	885 Km	Rs 24,234 M
5. Peshawar-Torkhum Expressway (4 lanes)	46 Km	Rs 2,333 M
5. Islamebed-Murree Expressway (4 lanes)	42 Km	Rs 2,300 M
7. Makran Coastal Road (2 lanes)	653 Km	Rs 34,094 M
8. Additional Carriageway Hasanabdal-Abbottabad	83 Km	Rs 2,386 M
9. Mithankot, Reli-cum-Road Bridge	1.5 Km	Rs 19,019 M

RBOC's are expected to posses expertise of designing, constructing and operating a BOT project and therefore, must submit qualifications accordingly with profile of each member of the joint venture/consortium along with the confirmation by each member party to the RBOC for participation in the project. The prequalification of each RBOC will depend upon the qualification provided therein. The RBOCs must also identify possible and/or probable financing institutions from which they intend to arrange financing of the project.

The expression of interest shall contain the details to be provided under following headings

 Expression of interest 2. Composition of RBOC

. Individual Profile of Each Member of RBOC, with details of previous BOT experience

4. Identification of Source of Financing

5. Proposed Methodology for implementation of the Projects.

6. Copy of agreement of Joint Venture/Consortuim. Along with authority letter naming the lead company for correspondence with NHA on behalf of RBOC.

The pre-qualified RBOC shall be given opportunity to participate in submission of the proposals for the above projects, for which necessary guidelines will be issued by the NHA. For any further information, please contact the undersigned on any working day between 0900-1700 hrs.

The last date for receipt of interest is 12th May, 1997. NHA reserves the right to reject any or all

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# Peugeot's £100m deal safeguards 3,000 UK jobs

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

PEUGEOT, the French car manufacturer, yesterday gave the British motor industry a £100 million vote of confidence by announcing that it will build a new car in Coventry. safeguarding almost 3,000

Peugeot expects the 206 hatchback - a replacement for the popular 205 model — to be in production by the end of next year and in the showrooms by 1999,

The Coventry plant at Ryton already makes the 306, which has become a best-seller in Britain with nearly 59,000 sold here last year. Ryton also exports production worth about £250 million back to mainland Europe.

Dick Parham, managing director of Peugeot in the UK. confirmed the investment yesterday and said it underlined the progress that Ryton had made in Peugeot's European empire. Quality levels at Ryton were now among the best in Peugeot while productivity had risen markedly.

Fears were growing that executives in France would take their investment plans elsewhere after workers at Ryton threatened last month to strike against a new deal on pay and conditions. But the workforce agreed to introduce flexibility on assembly lines in return for an increased 5 per cent wage offer, paving the way for the introduction of the new car. The new deal on flexibility, involving multi-skilling, allows extra shifts and production without extra recruitment. The deal swung the investment to Ryton in the

France and Spain. The investment is a huge vote of confidence in Ryton, which has had a chequered history and lagged behind the revolution in the rest of the British motor industry. The

face of competition from

factory originally belonged to the Rootes Group before falling into the hands of Chrysler the United States, but Chrysler pulled out of Europe, selling its interests to the PSA

Peugeot-Citroen group for \$1.
Peugeot started production
at Ryton by making the 309
and then switched to the Peugeot 405 medium-sized saloon, though that was taken back to France, leaving Ryton with the smaller 306. Improvement in productivity has increasingly impressed French executives, who decided to make Ryton a key centre for manufacture of a sedan version of the 306 for the European market. ☐ Toyota's UK plant is to

supply more than 350,000 components a year to its parent company in Japan. The ELR million annual contract is for rear windscreen-mounted stop lamps and wiper motors.



Graham Lawson, of Watts Blake Bearne, where the total dividend is increased to 16.2p in spite of a fall in earnings

## Watts suffers from strong pound

processor of clay, sand and gravel, blamed sterling's strength and cost of investment for a fall in pre-tax profits to £10.7 million from £11.25 million in 1996. The company, whose chief executive is

WATTS BLAKE BEARNE & Co., the £12.18 million, against £12.2 million, in difficult markets. At the previous year's exchange rates, operating profits would have risen by 3.5 per cent. Group turnover was £102.93 million, down from El04.87 million. Devon Clays, the core Graham Lawson, said yesterday that subsidiary, suffered a L5 per cent fall in operating profits were maintained at sales volumes, primarily because of the

slowdown in the home market, though it exports about 80 per cent of output. The total dividend is increased to 16.2p a share from 15.2p, with an 11.8p final, in spite of a fall in earnings to 29.1p a share from 31.7p. The shares were unchanged at 435p. The company is 49.5 per cent

owned by SCR-Sibelco. of Belgium.

ance broker, is to merge its southern European and Latin American operations with Nikols, the largest Italian insurance group. The link-up, via a joint venture, will cover risk

Sedgwick

and Nikols

to merge BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SEDGWICK, the insur-

services, insurance and reinsurance broking and emplayee benefits consulting. Sedgwick did not give details of the numbers involved but said the deal was "of strategic significance as both partners are committed to growing their market share ... and to becoming the leading advisers in southern Europe and Latin America".

Sedgwick said the deal fitted in with its aim to be one of the top three brokers in each European country in which the group operates. Sedgwick has come under increasing pressure to merge with another bro-ker, the favourite being rival Willis Corroon, to cut costs. Institutional shareholders have expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of its shares.

## Housing recovery 'gaining strength'

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

RECOVERY in the housing market shows further signs of strengthening, with an increase in housebuilding and the ability of people to buy remaining high.

According to the National House-Building Council, which registers applications to build new homes, activity rose 8 per cent in the first quarter of this year compared with the same period last year.

Excluding housing association developments, 34,000 applications were made for private-sector housing. Sales of new homes were strong in the first three months at an average of 632 each day, a 15 per cent increase.

Buvers are favourable conditions, council said. The availability of cash for first-time home buyers is at one of its highest levels since the early 1970s. according to an NHBC index.

But Imtiaz Farookhi, NHBC chief executive. warned against over optimism: "Although we have now had eight months of steady recovery in the new housing market there is still a long way to go before we see conditions which match the levels of growth seen in the 1980s. It is still too early to talk of a housing boom."

Mr Farookhi said slower growth was preferable to accelerated development of the market. He said: "What the housebuilding industry needs now is a period of gentle sustainable growth backed by government policies to keep recovery on track. Long-term consumer confidence in the housing market is the essential ingredient to get increasing numbers of potential purchas-

## Ropner passes on final payout

Ropner, the shipping, proper ty and engineering group taken over in February by Jacobs Holdings, reported a 66 per cent slump in pre-tax profits from £4.62 million to £1.57 million for the year to December 31. The results, the last from Ropner as an independent company, also saw earnings per share fall from 12.9p to L5p. There will be no final dividend, making a 3.5p (8.25p) total.

Hemingway up

Hemingway Properties, the property trading and investment group, lifted pre-tax profits to £6.5 million (£2.9 million) in 1996. Earnings per share almost doubled to 3p. A final dividend of 0.38p will be paid on May 30, lifting the

Mid-States rise

Mid-States, a supplier of automotive components in the US. reported pre-tax profits up from £3.7 million to £4 million for the year to December 31. Earnings per share rose 4 per cent to 5.3p. A final dividend of 0.24p, due July 24, brings the total to 0.48p (nil).

#### Ross improves

Ross Group, the electronics and engineering company, reported pre-tax losses of £223,000 for the year to December 31, against a £7.3 million loss the previous year. The loss per share fell to 0.25p (5.09p). There is no dividend.

#### Jerome ahead

S Jerome, the textiles manufac turer, raised pre-tax profits 20 per cent to £1.14 million in the year to December 31. The total dividend rises 33 per cent to 3p. after a 2p final. Earnings per share rose 8 per cent to 8.1p.

## American banks take advantage of buoyant markets

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN banks enjoyed higher earnings in the first quarter of this year as they took advantage of active financial markets on Wall Street and overseas.

Chase Manhattan, the largest US bank, reported earnings of \$927 million, compared with \$89 million for the same period last year, which was hit by a \$1 billion charge to cover its merger with Chemical Bank Ignoring the merger costs, earnings rose 9 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

Revenue growth did not meet the bank's targets, but improved efficiency helped to raise overall profitability. However, there was a rise in bad debts on the bank's large credit card business as US consumer debt became more of a problem for most banks

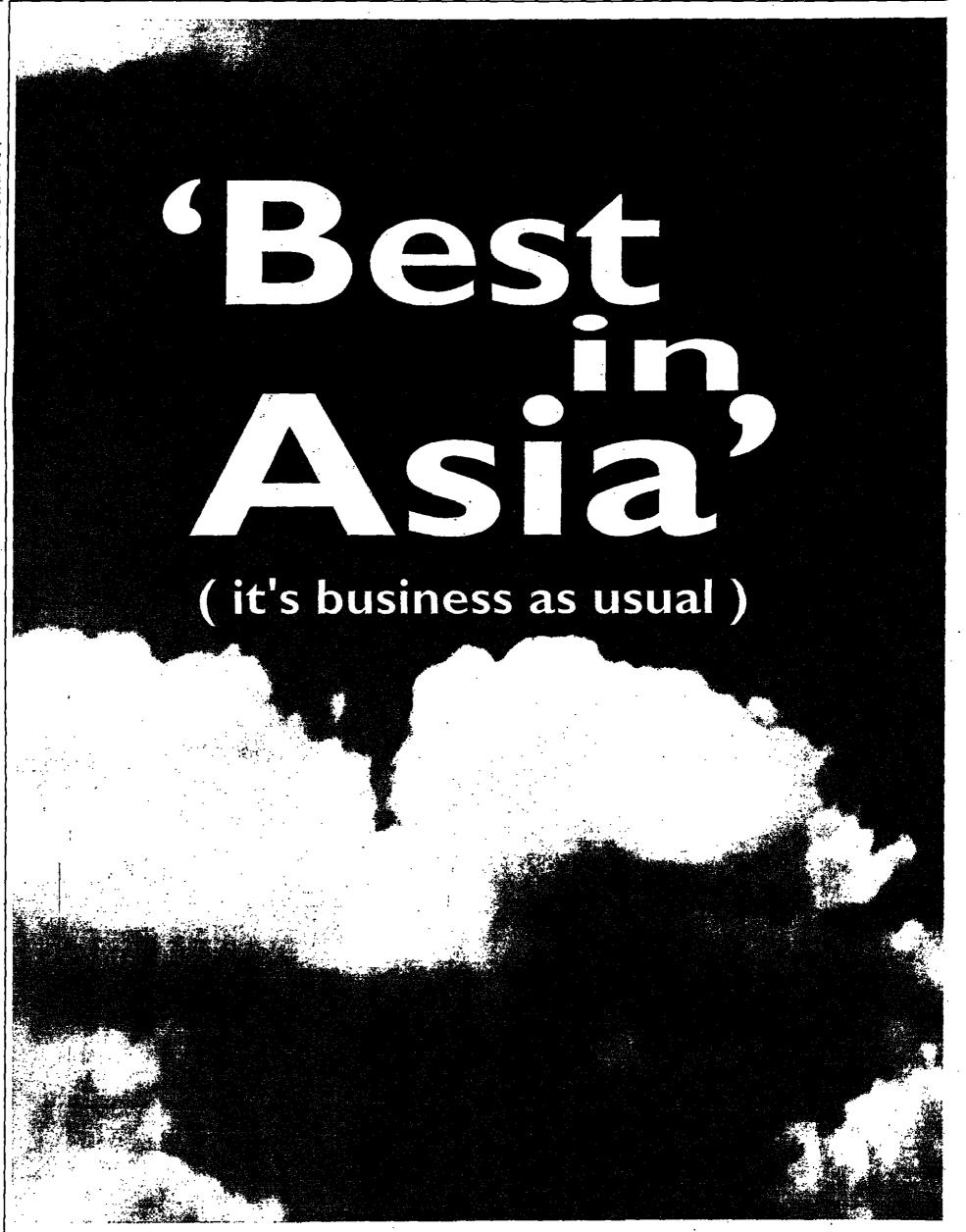
across the country. Citicorp, the second-largest bank, saw net income rise 9 per cent to \$995 million, compared with \$914 million at the same time last year. The loss ratio on Citicorp's US credit card business rose from 4.38 per cent to 5.91, contributing to a 3 per cent decline in earnings on the consumer

credit operation. The bank said that its main effort will go into overseas expansion, particularly in emerging markets, a process that will gather momentum over the next year.

Merrill Lynch, one of Wall Street's biggest investment banks, also reported higher first-quarter profits. with a record three-month result of \$465 million, up 14 per cent on last year. The bank said it had become the world's leading underwriter in debt and equity issues and is also the leading adviser on mergers and

acquisitions. Salomon Inc. the holding company for Salomon Brothers, the investment bank, fared less well. It suffered a steep fall in first-quarter profits from \$310 million a year

ago to \$175 million. Return on equity slumped from \$29.7 per cent to 13.4 per cent. Robert Denham, chairman, said market conditions had been more difficult so far this year than last year.



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From London's high-rise estates to the Albert Hall: a bold new project gives teenagers a chance



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## Miracle in the gangsta's paradise

Richard

Morrison joins some talented boys and girls from the 'hood on their way to the Albert Hall

hat's the distance from Bollo Bridge Youth Club in Acton, West London, to the Albert Hall? Three miles? A short bus ride? Wrong. It's the length of a lifeline. Next week dozens of youngsters will leave that club -- a bleak, heavily barricaded hut on one of West London's grimmest estates and make the journey to the Albert Hall. As performers, not spectators. So will hundreds of other teenagers from youth clubs across ten London boroughs.

They will stage a show called Miracles, and the title is apt. True, it will involve some of the capital's best youth ensembles. But it will also include many youngsters who, six months ago, would no more have thought of putting on a performance in public than they would of walking on the Moon.

Nor would they have possessed the confidence or skills to do so. Some were already being written off as failures, falling off the edges of "the system", drifting into apathy and worse. How they have been given the chance to discover their potential and their pride is one of the most positive stories to happen in the arts this year.

It begins with Mark Stephenson, a former cellist who now conducts his own orchestra. London Musici. Like others in the orchestral field, he is worried that the audience for symphony concerts is drawn from too narrow a social and age range. Our population has changed dramatically, and if orchestras are to survive they have got to address that vast, diverse new audience," he

Most British orchestras now have community projects, taking the players into local schools. But Stephenson's plan was altogether more ambitious. He wanted to (but scantily funded) youth clubs that attempt to give teenagers somewhere safe to go after school in some of London's most difficult areas. He also wanted to give the youngsters access to some of the best professional advice and equipment available, and then to put on a show that would somehow bridge the gap between the music predominantly of interest to the kids on the street — which means rap, hip-hop and soul - and the world of orchestras and classical music. "It



Busting out of Bollo Bridge: "I'm just helping these brothers and sisters out of their shells," says New York rapper Evress Nahum-Sonson (in red jacket) of his role in the making of Miracles

across rap before in my life. But I have always felt that performers

have a big social role to play." Over more than two years Ste-phenson's scheme took shape. The first step was to obtain the backing of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They were keen to lose their hairy knees image, and to reach into the highrise estates," Stephenson says. In particular, Prince Edward (who chairs the Award's special projects group) gave his support. That gave Stephenson the clout to approach the youth services in ten London boroughs. "At first there was suspicion; a scepticism about people like myself descending for a single project. The local authority youth services have been put under. so much pressure recently that they are very defensive about what they

was a gamble. I had never come are already doing. But we've got through that stage. They realise we are committed."

Next, Stephenson recruited a team of professional musicians, actors, dancers and poets to go into the youth clubs and work with the voungsters. The idea was predomnantly to give them role models, That meant a strong black presence really good people who the kids can relate to.

They include rappers like the London-born but Brooklyn-bred Evress Nahum-Sonson, the Rambert dancer/choreographer Sheron Wray, jazz pianist Nikki Yeoh and the prodigiously talented young composer Paul Gladstone Reid. It is Reid who has written the 50minute Miracles that will comprise the second half of the Albert Hall event, bringing together London

band, professional dancers, and a choir of about 500 to perform a fable about youngsters growing up in London.

The first thing that the professionals had to do was to establish trust," Stephenson says. "Initially iters didn't believe that what I told them would actually happen. There are some very tough kids there. In their lives so far, very few people have given a damn. But the next thing was to impress on them that they had to work damn hard to achieve any worthwhile goals. Yes, performing is fun. But it's no different from sport you need discipline, skills, dedication."

And, of course, money. The Miracles project cost about £300,000, which perhaps explains why such schemes don't happen

Musici, African drummers, a rock every week, or in every British city. But Stephenson found a surprising ally in the merchant bank, Singer & Friedlander, which became the principal sponsor.

The managing director got a bit of a shock when he heard the Stephenson recalls, rappers," 'because we haven't sanitised it in any way. We have simply tried to suggest that they adopt a positive attitude and say something about themselves and their own situation, rather than just copying American gangsta rap." There are also contributions from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, Marks & Spencer and Channel 4, while Doc Martens has paid for the dance element and Yamaha has made a vital gift of musical equipment. Each of the ten boroughs will

have its slot in the first half of the inner-city youth has had a bad

Albert Hall concert, having previpress lately, thanks to the horrific ously performed the material local-The fare will be varied. Hillingdon is sending a percussion ensemble; other youth clubs offer steel bands, dance troupes, gospel singers and new drama.

ehind the locked doors and fortified windows of the Bollo Bridge Centre I watched Nahum-Sonson coaxing the youngsters from Acton into producing a rap and hip-hop show that is raw but sparky. "I can't categorise my role here," he says. "I'm just helping these brothers and sisters out of their shells, because they have everything they need inside - if they know how to use it."

That's the point, isn't it? London's

deeds of a few teenage gangs. And of course it is important that we get to grips with the knife-culture, the seedy arcades with their mindwarping video games, the ubiquitous drug pushers and the intimidation stalking many estates

and secondary school playgrounds.
But zero tolerance by itself isn't enough. We also need to hold out hope and opportunity. Miracles won't be perfect when it comes to fruition in the Albert Hall next week, but it will bring hope. For some youngsters, it might be the most hopeful thing that has ever happened to them. And after that the chief question, for professionals and youngsters alike, will be where do we go from here?

• Miracles is at the Albert Hall (017)-589 8212) on April 24 at 7.30pm

CONCERTS: Variations on Prokofiev for cello; Shostakovich for the next generation; a rural marathon round Beethoven; and Schubert's fine swansong

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hen Prokofiev died in 1953 he left sketches for, among other things, two works intended for Mstislav Rostmoovich: a solo sonata and a Concertino for cello and orchestra. The solo sonata seems to have remained undisturbed. The Concertino, on the other hand. has been resurrected in three different performing versions one for cello and piano edited by Rostropovich him-self, one for cello and orches-

tra scored by Dmitri Kabalevsky and, now, one for cello and chamber orchestra arranged by Vladimir Blok. Steven Isserlis, who has

long been a champion of the cello and piano version, has never been comfortable with Kabalevsky's orchestration presumably because its largescale sound is out of keeping with the intimate material and the modest proportions of the piece. As he demonstrated in a movingly committed first performance of the Blok score with Mark Wigglesworth and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the Concertino is very much more convincing in a chamber-orchestra version.



If it is less than completely convincing it is because the last of the three movements. the least advanced at the time of Prokotiev's death, would surely not have survived in anything like its present form if the ailing composer had considered the implications of basing it on a theme so similar to one he had already used in

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the recently revised Sinfonia Concertante for cello and orchestra. Even so, the Concertino treatment of that theme does yield some lively and interesting new variants and it does provide an acceptable ending to a work abundant in cantabile melody in its first two movements, and far too valuable in its lyrical inspiration to be ignored. What a pity that Blok, who died earlier this year, could not be in Cardiff to

There was another example of resurrection, in a different sense, in the second half of the concert in St David's Hall. Performed in a new, minutely revised edition by Jonathan Del Mar, Beethoven's Eroica Symphony emerged in extraordinarily fresh colours. How much of this was to do with the actual revisions and how much to do with a renewed attention to the written detail it is difficult to say. But such features as the breathless hush before the famous "false" entry of the horn in the first movement were as effective as they only

rarely are. GERALD LARNER

fathers and sons, with Maxim Shostakovich conducting a programme of Dmitri's music and Igor Oistrakh performing one of the concertos dedicated to David. It is tempting to have unrea-sonable expectations of magic when descendants perform, particularly when the resemblances are so strong: the years have graven onto Maxim's open face Dmitri's sad, sloping eyes and down-turned mouth, while Igor is uncannily in the image of his father.

Both share a Shostakovian vision of great purity and strength. Yet at times it seemed an all-too-clearly decided version of the music was being spelt out to us in words of one syllable. The sense of dreaming exploration in the First Violin Concerto was missing, the highly measured Fifth Symphony was in danger of losing momentum.

The concerto, written ten

years after the symphony and

out of official earshot, is on a

## **Playing** by the book

Philharmonia/ Shostakovich Festival Hall

more massive symphonic scale, and is a profound, mature and elusive work. Igor Oistrakh has his father's broad, rich tone. But his τobust professional approach to the mysterious, seamless. opening melody allowed for too few moments of poetry, and the unbearable beauty of the long Passacaglia was handied roughly, tuning awry. A low vibrato and a fast bow

intensity of the introspective cantilenas, but Oistrakh sprang to life in the scherzo, burlesca and cadenza, reviv ing a virtuoso technique still

Maxim Shostakovich took the Festival Overture at breakneck speed, capturing all its trite emptiness at a stroke. Yet in general his speeds have slowed. The symphony's Scherzo was unmannered and demonic; his steady speed for the finale's repeated high note produced a macabre chilling effect; and he found time and space for cadences of quiet grace in the first movement.

Yet from the very sober opening one almost felt as if a musical dictation was being given from a great distance. His instinct that one needn't add burlesque or irony to the composer's heavily impregnated scores is surely right but can the stark simplicity of the Fifth take so literal an approach?

HELEN WALLACE

## Good value for a tenor

young, as the bicente-nary of his birth this year and 170th anniversary of his death next year remind us. With hindsight it is all too easy to hear his transcendental "late" music as a farewell to life, and one of the best things about Ian Bostridge's sharply focused programme of Schwanengesang and other songs from 1828, was that it showed instead how Schubert was on the verge of inconceivable new developments when he was overtaken by death.

Monday's performance

drew a full house; this benefit

recital for the excellent Young Concert Artists Trust marked

Bostridge's Queen Elizabeth

Hall debut. The tenor, himself

not long ago a YCAT artist,

Ian Bostridge Queen Elizabeth Hall

has gathered a considerable following. Any fears about how he would cope with a hall of this size were quickly dispelled: he might have sung with greater emotional intensity in a more intimate space, and less placid accompaniment from Julius Drake might have helped, but his slender voice projected tellingly.

After some recent hints of vocal tiredness, Bostridge was on fine form. His German could still be more idiomatic, but he is among this country's most refined, responsive lieder singers. One advantage he has over many English tenors is

an ability really to colour the voice, varying it even within a phrase: each of the settings in Schwanengesang was brought to individual life.

The six Heine numbers in Schwanengesang were sung with stark concentration, with the explosive Atlas pointing towards late Romanticism and Ihr Bild touching even Expressionism. Unbearable loneliness was the only emotion common to the otherwise varied songs. The tenor sang gently floated lines in Standchen with special feeling, and both artists lightened up for the traditional encore of Die Taubenpost, Schubert's last song, which turns back to charm and good humour.

JOHN ALLISON

## Swiss raise the tempo

or its contribution to the so-called London international Orchestral Season, the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra stuck to a middlebrow course with the emphasis on Beethoven. Heirs to the oldest orchestral tradition in Switzerland, the players were responsive to the well-re-hearsed preparation of their music director, David Zinman.

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He is an energetic conductor who imparts a corresponding vitality to his performances, as he did in Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony by seeming at the outset in a hurry to savour the feelings Beethoven had on his excursion into the countryside. Zinman set a pace more like a marathon than a relaxed enjoyment of his surroundings.

The strings sounded bold and incisive, the woodwind variously well-pointed, and the brass mellow and rounded. The brook babbled fulsomely in lilting triple time, the peasants went about their merry-making as if afraid of the impending thunderstorm, which broke about them rapidly before Zinman sobered down the music for a heartfelt

thanksgiving hymn. The programme began with Radu Lupu, a sometimes jaunty but always fastidious soloist in Beethoven's B flat Piano Concerto (No 2), where again no time was lost in setting a bustling tempo. The pianist adorned the first movement with what I took to be his own perceptive cadenza, leading on to a ruminative slow movement and a ravishing finale.

The visitors presented their calling-card at the outset in an exultant account of Brahms's Academic Festival Overture.

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The Admirable Crichton, with Ian McShane, opens the Chichester season





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ALEXANDER BALUS: The King's Conson performs Handel's maltenstic cretorio (1748) in the Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.45pm. A star-studded line-up of solorsts includes Lynne Dawson, Claron McFadden, and Catherine Danley n the title role, with the Choir of New College, Oxford, and the Choir of the King's Consort. At 7.30pm in the King's Consort. At 7.30pm in the Festival Hall, Okto Kamu conducts the Seedish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Shebus's Avreis Surte, songs from Des Kraben Wunderhorn by Mahler and Tchallowsky's Fifth Symphony With Anne Larson, mezzo-soprano, Peler Marties, berthores

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was engaged in its gargantuan nation-by-nation surveys of 20th-century art between 1985 and 1993, one of the nations that got left out was The Netherlands. One might, of course. argue that, compared with that of Germany, Italy, Britain and America. the art of the Low Countries in the 20th

century has been marginal. But mention the names of Van Gogh, Mondrian and Magritte, along with the whole De Stijl and Cobra movements, and second

thoughts are in order. Such, at any rate, seems to be the inspiration of the large show of Flemish and Dutch Painting in the 20th Century at the Palazzo Grassi, Fiat's cultural flagship in Venice, throughout

the spring and early summer. It has been curated by two former directors of Kassel's periodic, ultra-contemporary jamboree, Documenta, one Dutch and one Flemish: Rudi Fuchs is director of the Stedlijk Museum in Amsterdam, and Jan Hoet of the Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst in Ghent. The combination is significant, declaring not only the exhibition's basic sympathy with the ultra-modern, but also the strength of the movement on both sides of the border to cultural integration between the Dutch and the Belgian Flemish, linked by a common language and by constant artistic inter-

change throughout the century. Certainly Dutch and Flemish art make more sense if considered together, especially at the onset of modernism. (Much the same is true, for the same reasons, of early modern art in America and Canada.) There is so much of interest, in fact, that even such a large exhibition, occupying the whole

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Then the Royal Academy of the Palazzo Grassi, seems in places cramped, and gives rise to sharp questioning of who is included and who is not. In particular, Mondrian's close early associates Jan Sluijters and Leo Gestel seem done down, with just one Sluijters (a dazzling Bal Tabarin of 1907) and no Gestel at all.

But Fuchs has an answer ready: the problem with the RA shows, he thinks, was that they were determined to show how uniform the modern **6** Many movement across Europe of these artists will

was, at the expense of the brilliantly eccentric and the idiosyncratically national. With this show he has tended the other way, to the extent of playing down those artists who seem too revelation 9 all-of-a-piece with what was going on in Paris. Rather, the curators have

chosen to build up the strange, wilfully awkward "Flemish Expressionism" of painters such as Constant Permeke and Gustave De Smet, or the unsparing Neue Sachlichkeit of Charley Toorop, daughter of the Art Nouveau artist Jan Toorop. Many of these artists will come as a revelation to visitors from outside Holland and Belgium.

The programme thus declared is carried forward and back. Forward to contemporary artists such as Pyke Koch, Jan Dibbets and Marlene Dumas, whose various kinds of realism are placed clearly in a local context, and back to the Brueghels, Patinir and the geometrically obsessed painter of churches Saenredam, who are made to look like (and possibly are) direct ancestors of Ensor, Mondrian, Permeke and Dibbets. And then there is Van Gogh who, although he died in 1890, clearly played a seminal role in all that subsequently happened in the art of the Low Countries.



In the family: Three Generations, by Charley Toorop, unsparing advocate of Neue Sachlichkeit and daughter of Jan Toorop

If there is little conceptual art such as maybe a little cheating around the one might expect to encounter at a typical Documenta, it is obviously not because the curators reject it, but because they do not feel that, with the exception of Broodthaers, already a modern classic, it fits in very well with the national tradition they are seeking to define. The definition is in fact successfully achieved, and if there is

edges, at least it is in favour of the intriguing byway rather than the overfamiliar main road to Modernism.

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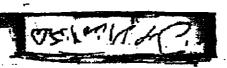
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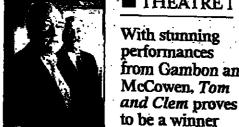
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# Socialists win by a landslide

he maverick Labour MP Tom Driberg did pay a brief visit to Potsdam in 1945 and. as his memoirs record, did cause "an incredulously derisive stir" there. Sadly, that was not because he emerged from groping a young Soviet interrefer beneath a table, only to find the recently elected British Prime Minister staring in disbelief at him. It was simply because he suggested, while the last votes were being counted back in Britain, that Churchill's portrait beside Stain and Truman be replaced

ith one of Clement Attlee, But Stephen Churchett is an presting enough dramatist to be allowed to take the odd liberty in what is, amazingly, his first play. Tom Stoppard, with whom he has a little in common, felt liberated by the coincidental presence of Joyce. Tristan Tzara and Lenin in the Zurich of 1917 to bring all three into Travesties for a debate about the value of art. Why should Churchett not dream up unlikely encounters between Driberg and Attlee when the result is so entertaining and timely a discussion about the claims of idealism

and compromise? Moreover, nobody would want to miss the performances at the centre of Richard Wilson's fine production. Michael Gambon is Driberg, a slovenly, paunchy Bacchus with a mouth that can suddenly gape like a painfully hooked fish, and a big, raddled face that tenses and blenches when he recalls the bodies he has seen Cowen is an Attlee who seems a little comic when he primly corrects his new MP for using foul language such as "bloody", or settles down to a crossword "to keep the old brainbox ticking over", yet exudes homespun decency and unpretentious generosity

In so far as there is a plot, it is a bit absurd. Would a would-be Soviet traitor, about to be posted to London, really talk about defection to the former communist Driberg, of all people, under Stalin's nose in Potsdam, of all places? But that turns out to be a relatively minor strand in Churchett's dramatic tapestry. The fate that eventually overtakes Dan-

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Tom and Clem Aldwych

iel de la Falaise's Alexei turns out to be just one example of what Attlee praises as "thinking of the greater good", and Driberg derides as "compromise, fudge, betrayal".

This is, after all, July 1945. The bombing of Hiroshima the dividing-up of Europe and socialism in Britain are all on the agenda. It is a chance for Driberg to flaunt the revolutionary zeal that oddly coexists with his high-church Angli-canism, dedication to fellatio and nostalgia for the Savoy Grill. The very slant of Attlee's pipe, not to mention his commonsensical mind and fondfor rice pudding, proclaims his disagreement. What matters to him is finding practical ways of building a world for the starving slum kid and for the retired teacher "who can't manage on her

must say that, given the easy smiles and trim sound-bites currently assailing us, Attlee's nofrills manner and gritty dedication to one-nation politics left me wishing he was standing in my constituency on May I. But the strength of Churchett's play, especially when it launches into Shavian-style debate towards the end, is that it gives a fair hearing both to that and to Driberg's flamboyant romanticism. The Tories come out the first-night audience.

Some of us could have done

with fewer double-entendres, but most people laughed a lot. especially at the confusion caused the translators when an offstage Ernie Bevin offers the Soviets "a bunch of fives". or tells Molotov he "doesn't give a monkey's". But I have to report that laughter turned to applause at the lines "if we've got to have Tories they should at least be gentlemen", and "the Tories haven't delivered the goods after all the years they've had to do so". A sign of the times or unrepresentative bravado? We'll know soon.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Daniel de la Falaise (Alexei), Michael Gambon (Tom Driberg) and Alec McCowen (Clement Attlee) in Stephen Churchett's excellent debut as a playwright. Tom and Clem

TOLSTOY'S extreme morality

play was banned for nine years after he wrote it in 1886.

despite its unmissable mess-

age that when it comes to sin,

bird is lost". Sean Holmes's

production does much to ani-

mate this proselytising piece

but ultimately the author's

whelms his playwriting skills. One sin — in this case

adultery — is shown to lead to an orgy of godlessness, includ-

ing the poisoning of a hus-band, incest and the murder of

a newborn baby. Nikita, the farm labourer, is the epicentre

of this spiral of evil, though in

fairness he is little worse than

simplistic message

once the claw is caught, the

## Saki with sugar

HECTOR Hugh Munro, political journalist, war correspondent and wit, signed his work "Saki" after the Persian handmaiden who turns down the empty glass at the end of the Rubaiyat. This is a pretty odd choice, and if the name has stuck so fast, this could be because the echo with "sarcasm" feels so apt.

The casually witty young idlers in his stories, the tart es and discomfited bores, inhabit the ripe Edwardian world of clubland and house-parties. exotically spiced with trips to the Baltions rightly devote columns to his wise, or at least perfectly phrased, observations on life. society and pretension.

But this is not to say that a succession of his tales and sketches is going to work well on the stage. Ninety minutes of them, including interval, is like a feast of canapes. His style is not invariably smart. He can write of pain and grief but this show avoids these. Even the well-known re-

venge tales, Sredni Vashtar and The Lumber Room, are silently sweetened, and nothing is allowed to intrude upon the even Edwardian summer until Birds on the Western Front, possibly the last piece he wrote before a sniper's Super-Beasts Jermyn Street

bullet got him. Here at long last the show offers a meat course, where Moray Watson describes battered larks and well-fed owls with bitter irony in a voice choked with tears.

Timothy Ackroyd, nicelooking and light-voiced, catches the laid-back candour of Clovis: Helen Lindsay and Jackie Smith-Wood share the female roles between them. the steel-eyed matrons and playlets but not especially well, and curious omissions damage the attempts at a bit of song 'n' dance. The only detail I remembered from The Secret Sin of Septimus Brope is the unusual last line of one of his music ball songs - "I'll throw you down a quarry, Florrie, if I marry you". A softer phrase is substituted, while Cousin Teresa is

ignored. The procession of pet dogs in this could have added energy to a show, directed by Dee Hart, that generally lacks it. But perhaps I am trying to redirect the show, and I must break the habit.

JEREMY KINGSTON

## The wages of sin

a cocky seducer until the The Power of women take over the plot. **Darkness** Anisya is trapped in an unhappy marriage with the grumbling invalid Piotr Ignatych. She longs for his death, when she will be free to Orange Tree Theatre take over the farm and marry Nikita. The news that Nikita is going to be married off there-

fore throws her into near

despair. But Nikita's mother,

Matriona (excellent Collette

O'Neil), has seen the advan-

tage of her son marrying a rich widow. She teams up with

Anisya, even offering her spe-

cial powders to hurry Piotr towards the grave. Although Nikita's father, Akim, argues for Nikita to do right by a poor pregnant orphan girl, we root for Anisya. Katrina Levon plays her with a febrile intensity easily manipulated by Mat-

charms of her son. Dermot Kerrigan gives an initially dazzling performance as the shifty-eyed charmer who has never had to show much

consideration to get his way. Cut to after the marriage, however, and Tolstoy's power to surprise us wanes. Such a caricature of moral degeneration is painted that the actors have little to work from and the performances just become duller and louder. Thank goodness for Nicky Shaw's beautiful set and costumes. which recreate 19th-century rural Russian life in fascinating and picturesque detail.

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the stage version of lain Banks's cult novel, The Wasp Factory, which runs from Friday to May 17. This is the most technically involved show I've worked on. There are 55 flying cues and we're using dozens of television monitors suspended above the

audience to display elements that we just cannot put on stage." Accidental vocation: His father, Colin, is the lighting designer for Blind Date, but Robert never intended to take a similar career route. "I just kind of stumbled into designing fringe productions when I was on a fine art course in Bath." Apprenticeship: While studying design at Nottingham Polytechnic, he interviewed Richard Hudson, the leading theatre and

opera designer. I ended up as his assistant for the next two years, working at the RSC and Covent Garden. It taught me that design is often about knowing when and how to compromise." Personal sideline: As a founder member of the Primitive Science performance group, he designed a live version of Kafka's short story The Hunger Artist, which caught the eye of Comedy of Errors director Tim Supple. "Primitive Science is really important to me. We're hoping to move away from theatre with a music-based installation at a London gallery in the autumn." Is economy the mother of invention? "Some of my best ideas

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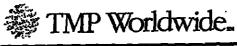
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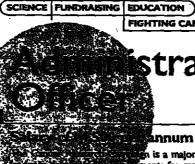
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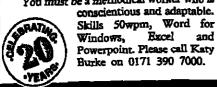
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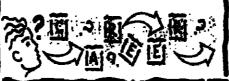
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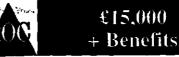
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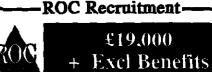
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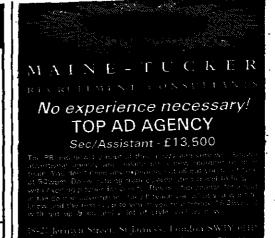
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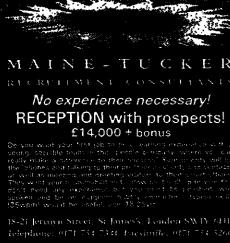


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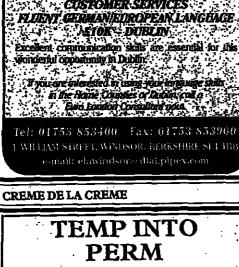
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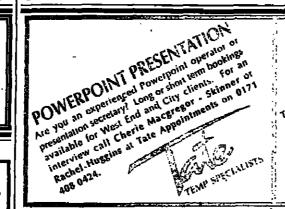
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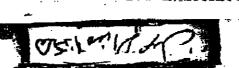
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The Department of the Environment's Green Paper, Household Growth; Where Shall we Live?, set out to provoke debate about where to put the 4.4 million households that will need to be accommodated by the year 2016 (because of longer lifespans, the rising divorce rate, and a trend for people to live on their own). The Department favours fitting 60 per cent of these households into high density hous-

ing in existing towns and cities.

Robert Jones, the Planning Minister, says: "High density does not have to mean high-rise. Terraced housing with a garden — the staple of London housing — is very versatile if well-designed."

Even without Government backing, terraced homes were already coming back into fashion in 1995, when 59 per cent of valuers surveyed by the NatWest Bank said Terraced homes are poised to make a comeback. Christine Webb reports on

the housing that is particularly British

buyers prefer semi-detached homes

to terraces," he says. "Today's

buyer wants more for his money

and a traditional semi represents

more perceived value than a ter-

race. And if there are more than

three or four terraced houses in a

block they're harder to sell. We

build terraces on 33 per cent of

sites, mostly for first-time buyers in

stopped building terraced housing,

which it targets at the first time

buyer. Malcolm Pitcher, the nat-

ional marketing director, says:

"Now housing is more affordable,

people can start with a two-

bedroom terraced house. Most of

This is a trend picked up by The

House Builders Federation. David

Mote, a spokesman, says single

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us would like more space."

Wimpey Homes says it has never

the £45,000 to £55,000 bracket."

they thought terraced houses were the first choice for first-time buyers. This is not surprising. Terraces are integral to the British townscape, and set us apart from the rest of Europe. More of us already live in terraced houses than in any

other kind of property.

The way was cleared for a standard street width after the Great Fire of London when the architect John Wood built the façade of the north side of Queen's Square, Bath, to look like a Palladian mansion.

The idea was seized on by

London architects. Regent's Park terraces were even faced with stucco and painted gold to look like Bath stone. Elegant flat-fronted Georgian terraces followed, and then came the building bonanza of the 19th century. The Victorians and Edwardians built them speculatively, usually following in the wake of railway lines. By 1911, 87 per cent of British homes were terraced.

Plenty of modern builders have returned to the genre, although Keith McEwan, David Wilson Homes northern region chairman, is less than whole-hearted. "Our been building houses fast enough since 1991 to meet the target by 2016, so there may well be a shortfall."

Barratt has been busily terracing away, including at three developments of traditional houses in Limehouse. Poplar and Bermondsey. London, that are all virtually snapped up ahead of construction. These areas are otherwise dominated by apartments, and the two-bedroom houses started at under £70,000. But almost every buyer said they felt home meant a proper house with a garden to tend and relax in.

Leigh Stark, 29, a chef, bought his Barratt terraced house in Bermondsey. His home is so central he cycles to work. "It's the best of both worlds." he says, "a house with a garden close to the centre of town. I'm really chuffed."

The Berkeley Homes group is building terraced homes, often called town houses, at various sites throughout Britain, from 199 terraced Victorian-style villas at its Oxford Waterside development, where a four-bedroom end-of-terrace villa costs £237,500, to St Dunstan's Gate. Canterbury, where a two-bedroom mid-terrace costs £78,500. Here the terraces are such a striking reproduction of Victorian speculative building that one feels one is stepping back into the golden era of the terrace — or is a new one dawning?

Katherine Bergen on a grand house about to regain its true destiny

# An office becomes a mansion

The urge to do some arithmetic when presented with an £8 million property with 16,700 sq ft on a 120-year lease is irresistible. Elgin House in Mayfair works out at £479 a sq ft.

It is difficult to know what to

expect from that sq ft. As someone who is 5ft 6in tall, my entire length cost less to clothe than that. But certainly the foot of space that I occupied as I stood looking out at the stunning view down Hill Street into Berkeley Square through one of the five tall French windows in the 45ft-long drawing room felt like value for money.

Elgin House is not really a home yet. On three floors the grand reception rooms have been converted to office space and four separate apartments occupy one side of the building. Plans for reconversion have been put to the Grosvenor Estate and are being finalised, but as it now exists, the "house" is an uneasy mixture.

But if potential buyers can con-



Three-bedroom apartment overlooking Hyde Park: £1.5 million

jure up some imaginary furniture, it is possible to see how easily these offices could be named back into the main rooms of a grand house. The proportions of the rooms have hardly been altered and, except for an unlikely number of lavatories, which were for office staff, they would need only redecoration and

furnishing to taste.

From the outside, the red-brick building looks like the graceful townhouse that it once was. One of the huge offices in the basement could be turned into a kitchen, and another, lit by a glass pyramid skylight, would be suitable for a

swimming pool and gymnasium

Though the four apartments have been carved out of the original house, the rooms are also well-proportioned and each have two bedrooms and two bathrooms, as well as elegant reception rooms.

The first of these would make an impressive bedroom suite for the new owners. The three remaining could house staff or grown-up children and, conveniently, a separate staircase serves this wing. At the back of the house is a small paved garden. This leads to a more verdant communal garden with a fountain, accessible only to the 12 houses that surround it.

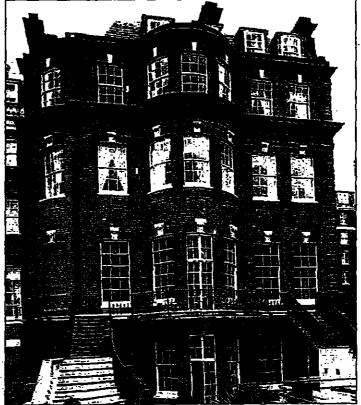
Nikolaus Pevsner, the art historian, probably would not have quibbled at the price. He said of the building: "It might well be called the finest terraced house in London." He added that it had "the grandest staircase and the grandest drawing room of an 18th-century private house in London." That might persuade a buyer hesitating over the cost of extra work.

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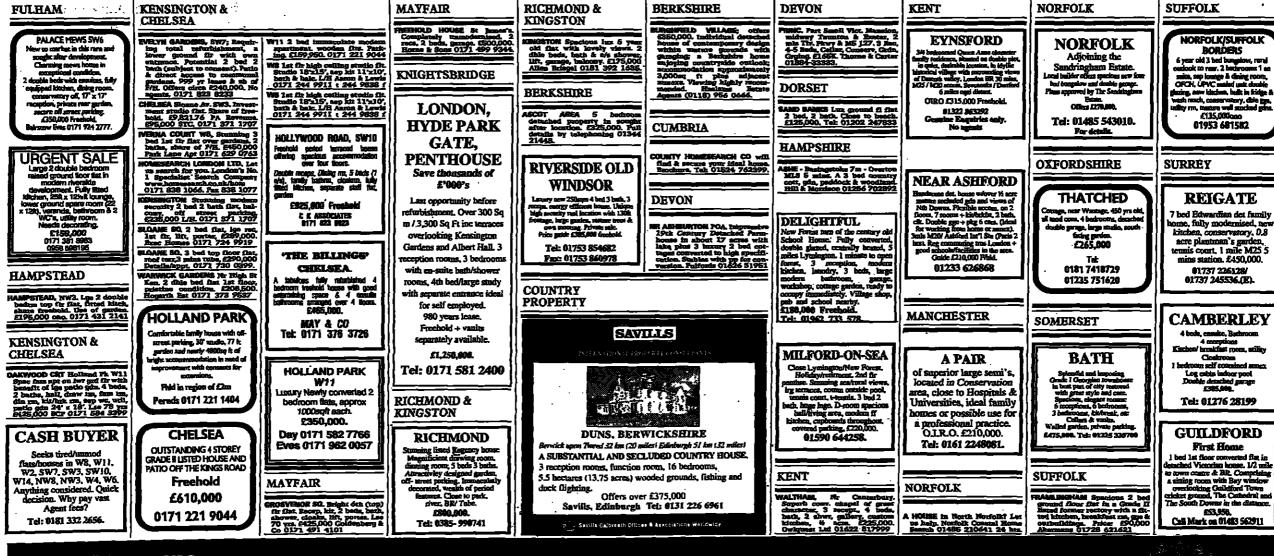
For about a fifth of the price of Elgin House, a three-bedroom apartment overlooking Hyde Park is available for £1.5 million on a 49.5-year lease. At 3,336 sq fit this is also about a fifth of the floor space of the property in Mayfair. It is said to be in "superb decorative order", so a new owner should not have to make a large financial commitment to redecorate.

The apartment is on the first floor of a stucco-fronted Regency building in Hyde Park Gardens and has views over three acres of landscaped gardens and the park. The rooms have 15ft high ceilings and both the main reception room and the master bedroom have floor-to-ceiling sash windows.

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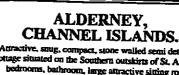
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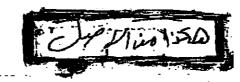
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## Syndicate owners gather to celebrate Reunion

Khaled Abdulla.

By JULIAN MUSCAT

THE joy of syndicate ownership was plainly evident at Newmarket yesterday when two celebrated victories which threaten to sweep them to the season's opening classics.
Highelere Thoroughbred
Racing struck first when Re-

union burst through from the rear of the field to land the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes with complete authority. The partnership is known to its 15 members as the Napoleon's Chair syndicate after an item of furniture in the Carnarvon ancestral home. Each paid £10,000 to join and they can now entertain outside 1,000 Guineas

ambitions for Reunion. The requisite fee makes it exclusive to most, yet the Highclere syndicate pales by comparison to the syndicate which campaigns Poteen. The colt, who brushed aside Za-Im in the NGK Spark Plugs Conditions Stakes, is the prop-

prince who, if Poteen continues to progress, may not have to swap his kingdom for a horse capable of winning the 2,000 Guineas.

Granted, these syndicates are beyond the means of all but a handful. But to see them

Tony Dobbin, the Grand National-winning jockey, misses the Scottish equivalent at Ayr on Saturday after being found to have broken a collarbone in a fall at Hexham on Monday. Jamies Osborne replaces him on Major Bell, trained by Alistair Whillans.

bonded together in celebration was to recognise that victory is all the sweeter when it is shared. Earl De La Warr, who orchestrates the partnership, has never owned a racehorse outright. And it was his enthusiasm for the concept which fired the imaginations of

broker Michael Kerr-Dineen. Luca Cumani, who trains American businessman Bob Goldhammer and owner

the son of Irish River, probreeder Gerald Leigh. Periphduced him fit enough without eral partners include Prince having unduly tightened the spring. "I ran him here The whole thing is run very because I would like him to informally," the earl said in have two more gallops before the winner's enclosure. I althe Guineas," the trainer said. ways like to include lucky It turned into a sprint and people and Gerald Leigh is, by distances between horses tend common consent, a lucky ownto be less defined in these er." Mind you, the earl is circumstances." hardly beset by a bloodstock

Reunion, by contrast, was advanced in both fitness and condition for the Nell Gwyn. Nevertheless, her comfortable defeat of Oh Nellie and Elegant Warning fully entitles her to a berth in the 1,000 Guineas. "She can improve again," John Hills, her train-

On an informative after-noon, Shawaf and Street General were both decisive winners in maiden company. The former may yet tackle the 2,000 Guineas while the latter holds the Derby engagement.



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17 0345 DAMPD JAMES\* GRR, 30 (D,BF,G,S) A Batey 5-8-8 D Winglat 13
18 6-50 BATTER-J B (CD,E,S) J A Harris 6-8-8 T G McLaughlin 17
19 00-0 WINSS CARDITTERE 8 (G) M Ryen 4-8-7 G Carter 18
20 5004 BOLD HABIT 2 (D,F,G) J Perros 12-8-5 C Teague (S) 5

7-2 Over To You, 5-1 Rechellin, 6-1 Replet, 7-1 Capten Scott, Brave Kris, 8-1 Februaria, 10-1 Futura Perfect, 12-1 others

5,30 GARFORTH HANDICAP (£3,145; 1m 2l) (13)

10 BOS RBBES MARC 22 E AUSTO 47-11 LORSONICK 12
1 -050 MAY KING MATTEM 15 New A King 47-21 N Auston 17
12 6-00 MORRY BARNES 22 F. 63 E Backs 8-7-10 Kin Tinkler 13
13 00-5 SHANDON 22 F Watson 5-7-10 Finding 13
3-1 Jean Pierre 7-2 Karpyn's Pet, 7-1 Pendolino, 8-1 Leil The Luciy, Taligiah Belle, Sceneria, 10-1 Father Dan. 12-1 others.

#### NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

3.40 English Invader

4.15 Rebecca Sharp

5.20 Water Flower

4.45 Jewel

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Hart Mark

KEN H PROPE

EXHIBITION

2.35 Armrak Ajeeb

3.10 Groom's Gordon

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 ALI-ROYAL

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 ALL-ROYAL (nap). 4.15 Rebecca Sharp, 4.45 Pacifica,

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

### 2.05 RACING & FOOTBALL OUTLOOK RATED

HANDICAP (£7,976: 7f) (18 runners) 5620-00 PENGAMON 4 (F,G) (Ness A Smallmen) 234-140 ZURS 25 (6) (N Deurosen) Mass G Kelle

Long handicas: Peocamon 8-1, Zois 7-13. 1996; TARAWA 4-9-7 R Hughes (10-1) N Callaghan 13 nm

#### FORM FOCUS

KING OF PERU 8841 3rd of 8 to Processon Music or confidients race at Warwich (71, good to farm) HOW LDMG 1941 2nd of 8 to Salverel in conditions race at Warwich (71, good to farm) HOW LDMG 1941 2nd of 8 to Salverel for month, NEW CENTREY thead of 11 to BABSY BABE (8th better off) 7/41 7th. BABSY bere (61 month, NEW CENTREY) thead of 11 to BABSE best Solvering 11 in 7-numer handicap at Har's Pai in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m) Haydbok (R, good), Jul 91 100yd), PRENDS CA beal Bajan Rose neck in 9- Selection: KING OF PERU

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#### 2.35 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES (Group III: £19,188: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

(Group M: £19,188: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

201 (7) 154302- RESTRUCTURE 195 (CD.F.G) (M Myers) Mrs. J Cecil 5-8-13. Paul Eddery 96

202 (8) 022409- ACHARME 157 (5) (Parol Record) & Britan 4-8-10. B Doyle 89

203 (6) 502211- AL-ROYAL 165 (C.G.S) (Greenbry Stables) H Cecil 4-8-10. K Failen 99

204 (10) 01016-4 AMRAK ALEB 27 (F.G.S) (A Merzal B Harrhury 5-8-10 M Rimmer 91

205 (5) 231530- BEHAMOUR 180 (5) U Stane) Mrs. J Cecil 5-8-10 J Red 18

206 (11) 02144-3 DREAMS DRD 11 J (CD.G.S) (T Prize) P Bowen 9-8-10 R Cachrame 84

207 (3) 118843- FARASAN 214 (C.F.S) (A Fasesh H Cecil 4-8-10 M J Krame 89

208 (2) 322012- PRINCE BABAR 185 (6) (6 Pritchard-Gordon) J Banks 6-8-10. J Stack 85

209 (1) 3/2- ROCKY OASIS 323 (M at-Maideum) M Storte 4-8-10 T D. J Stack 85

211 (4) 2113- WROM 326 (F) (K Abdotta) B Chartton 4-8-10 Pat Eddery 4-8-10 L Detton 90

211 (4) 2113- WROM 326 (F) (K Abdotta) B Chartton 4-8-10 Pat Eddery 6-10 L Detton 90

21-1 Russian Marse, 16-1 Prings Babar, 20-1 others

1996: (USO 4-9-4 M J Kinzne (14-1) C Bolitain 9 tan

1996: LUSO 4-9-4 M J Kinane (14-1) C British 9 tan

#### FORM FOCUS

RESTRUCTURE 1'41 2nd of 9 to Yeasi in listed race here (1m. good to firm).

ALL-ROYAL bent Nijo 1'41 in 8-numer lested race here (1m. good) alkRAK ALEEB about 4' 4th of 6 to Campon Creek in Read case at Donessler (1m. good) to firm), FARASAN 91 3rd of 4 to Singspiel in group 18 Westminster Taxi Insurance Select States

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14/1 Saseedo 7/1 New Century 16/1 Prends Ca 20/1 Babsy Babe 8/1 How Long 20/1 Defined Feature

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curse. "I am among those one

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may not have stopped accru-

ing: Grapeshot carries the

partnership's hopes in the

Poteen's victory was gained

in workmanlike style after Za-

Im, his solitary opponent of note, struck hard for home

after a pedestrian early pace.

It took Poteen some time to

master Za-Im by a neck, but

one important aspect militates

Craven Stakes tomorrow:

FORM FOCUS

(£6,116: 1m 4i) (18 runners)					
401 (16) 14030-5 SONG OF THE SWORD 18 (D.P.) DM 4-9-71 W.R. Swiddown					
402 (15) 018- CLASSIC FIND 314 (F) (Classic Bloodstock) 1 Campbell 4-8-8					
403 (10) 1001-04 HAZARD A GUESS 16 (D.F.G.S) (Consulted) D Nicholis 7-9-7. Alex Greaves					
404 (14) 311223- ANGUS-G 193 (C.F) (NY Gazze) Mrs M Revoluy 5-9-6					
405 [12] 010002- TRACEABOLTY 162 (C.F.S.S) (J Local) S Williams 4-9-4 K Fallon					
406 (7) 05540-0 REMAADI SUM 16 (D.F) (T Barbar) M Usbar 5-9-2					
407 (11) 5/3-4 MUKHLIES 13 (Armorex Ltd) Bob Jones 4-9-2					
408 (8) 001-211 ALBAHA 42 (0,5) (UK Packaging) J Barits 4-9-2					
409 (1) 224221- TOTEM DANCER 174 (6) (Diamond Rackey) J Eyre 4-9-2 R Lappin					
410 (9) 85105-4 AL'S ALEX 18 (D.S) (Susser Stud) W Marx 4-8-13					
411 [4] 134114 ENGLISH DINADER 18 (D.G.S.) (J. Porcell) C Duyer 6-8-13 L Dation					
412 (6) 60-0401 AT LIBERTY 20 (D.F.G) (B Adams) R Hannon 5-8-13					
413 (2) 001316- FLORENTINO 162 (F,G) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 4-8-9 # Hills					
414 (3) 0/51000- RSBAEI 85J (CD,F,G) (i Goldsmath) R Allehurst 8-8-6 T Quidea					
415 (13) 00400-0 BOWLED OVER 18 (O.S) (R Cross) C Cycer 4-8-6 M. Roberts					
416 (17) 1-55323 PRINCE DANZIG 20 (D.F.G) (A Unick) D Murray Smith 6-8-0 R Fireach (5)					
417 (18) 000-140 TAWAFEK 27 (6) (T Shepherd) S Dow 4-7-13					
418 (5) 4-21214 GALAPINO 7 (D.BF.F.C) (N Dearman) Miss & Kelleway 4-7-10 G Bardwell					
Lung handicas: Galapino 7-6					

BETTING: 3-1 Angus-G. 5-1 Hazard A Guess, 6-1 Albeira, 8-1 Totern Dancer, 10-1 Al Liberty, 12-1 Galagono, 14-1 Prince Danze, 16-1 English Invader, 20-1 others 1996: PROGRESSION 5-8-7 M Raind (9-1) C Mumay 15 (20

handicap at Wolverhampton (AW. 17740 beat Classic Defance 15/1 in ap at Balle (1m 21. good to firm). etion beat Raffles Rooster 11 in 24-at Doncaster (1m 41, good to firm) chef

4.15 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

E	501	(21		CHANGE FOR A BUCK (Buckson Dak) H Cecal 8-11	K Fallon
۱	502	(1D)	3-	DELILAH 200 (High:lare Racing) M Stocks 8-11 W R	Shiriban
l	503	(5),		CELLUA (X Affara) R Guest 8-11	. JR±4
ì	504	(3)		FONTEYN (R Collins) A State 6-11	i Roberts
۱	505	(9)	6-	CANGERSNAP 165 (1 Holland-Martin) H Cecil 8-11 A	McGlore
ĺ	506	(8)		GOING GREEN (W Gredley) J Farstrave 8-11	al Eddery
l	507	(11)		KAZIRANGA (Shelib Motatomed) L Carreti 8-11 R FI	nanch (5)
۱	508	ΙÚ	0-	MASTY RAIN 207 (R Replands) & HAS 8-11 J 0 :	Smith (3)
j	509	(4)	4	PERLETHORIZE 20 (Mass S Farr) Ni Ball B-11	L Dellar
•	510	m	2-	RESECCA SHAPP 165 (A Opperbalmer) & Wragg 8-11.	<b>新刊</b>
1	511	(12)	0-	SHARKIYAH 165 (H al-Maldoum) R Armstrong B-11	_ PiH##
۱	512	(B)	0063-	SOURA 111 (L Hurley) P Kelleway 8-11	MicCabe
١	BETT	NG: 11-4	Defilah.	100-30 Rehecta Steep, 5-1 Change For A Buck, 11-2 Gingerstrap, 6-1	Kapirang
j	Sharke	yesh, 10-1	others.		-
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FORM FOCUS

good to firm).
PERLETHORPE 125(1 4th of 8 to Duct Dancer in makes at Laicester (7), good to limit) RESECCA Selection: RESECCA SHARP

4.45 N G K SPARK PLUGS BARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

BETTING: 11-4 Pacifica, 7-2 Jeres, 5-1 Days Of Grace, 6-1 Cloudberry, 8-1 Composition, Times Island, 10-1 Gaing Places, 12-1 afters. 1896; CARMINE LAKE 8-11 J Rold (1-2 lay) P Chappir-Hyam 6 ian

FORM FOCUS

DAYS OF GRACE 461 4th to Barnelghan Blade in firm) PACIFICA 1/41 2nd to Risky Whisky in mald-maiden at Lingfield (14, firm) GOING PLACES 1/41 en at Haydock (51, calp).

Sh to Var Rapide in maiden at Warreck (51, good to 1 Selection: PACIFICA (1941)

5.20 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,932: 1m) (20 runners)

1996; FARASAN 9-8 G Catter (16-1) H Cest 20 ran

103 (12) 0-0432 G000 TIMES 74 (CO,SF.F.G.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

favourile in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets.

3.05 N G K SPARK PLUGS EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (Listed race: 3-Y-0: £16,280: 71) (11 numbers)

301	(61	32124-	MCCCMS/COM (DS (D) (INDICATE MACHINE & COME >	3
302	(5)	140215-	PROUD NATIVE 158 (F,G) (I. Fi.st) A Javis 9-7	95
303	Ö		ANDREYEV 174 (D.F.G.S) (J. Palmer-Brown) R Hasmon 9-4 M. J. Kinshe	97
304	(3)	513-	HIDDEN MEADOW 174 (6) (G Strandrings) I Balding 9-3 L Descri	96
305	(2)	01140-	PAICH GROUND 195 (C.F.G) (Mrs J Vickers) J Bethell 9-3 J Reid	93
306	, titi	132-	MUKADOAR 197 (G) (H al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-2 R Cochrane	96
307	(8)	212-	JUMPN 280 (F) (H al-Maisours) W Hest 9-2 R Hills	95
308	(9)	422643-	OMAHA CITY 172 (F) (B Gutthy) B Gutthy 9-2, A Clark	94
309	äi	115242-	MICRASINE 181 (F) (M Glescon) J Eyre 9-0 D McKernin	Œ
310			GRAMMY'S PET 186 (G) (Mrs D Arbe) P Cole 9-0	9
311			GROOM'S GORDON 18 (D.F.G.) (Mrs H Focie) J Dunlop 8-13 Pat Eddery	84
		i Referendo Ian. 12-1 o	om, 5-1 Proced Nazive, Heldian Meadon, 7-1 Andreyev, 8-1 Rich Grosses, 9-1 Junes. 1 Obers	10-1
			1996: CAYMAN KAI 9-7 Pat Eddery (7-2 lar) fi Hannon 8 ran	

RICH GROUND best JUWWI (1 in bester off) head in 9-runner group III July States here (61, good) on presultante start. GRANNY'S PET about 2 days of 5 to Vax Sur in Gester race 3 Sandown (31, good). GROOM'S GORDON 41 2nd of 7 to Petram in REFERENDUM about 61 4th of 9 to Revoque in group I Grand Critecown at Longchamp (1m, good). PROLED NATIVE about 44/1 5th of 8 to Deadly Dudley in group of Criterium Des Deux Ares at Early (6) 110/d, soil). AMDREYEV beat Dacok 35/1 in 6-matter conditions race at Assoil (7, good) with GRAMMY'S PET (6th better oil) about 71/61 4th.

ჳ.	4U	GREEN	YE KING HANDICAP
(£6,	116:	1m 4f) (	18 runners)
401	(16)	14030-5	SONG OF THE SWORD 18 (D.P.) J DM 4-9-T1 W R Swittern
402	(15)	018-	CLASSIC FIND 314 (F) (Classic Bloodstock)   Campbell 4-8-8 R Price
403	(10)	1001-04	HAZARD A GUESS 16 (D.F.G.S) (Consulter) D Nictorits 7-9-7 _ Alex Greaves
404	(14)	311223-	ANGUS-G 193 (C,F) (N Gazel) Mrs M Reveloy 5-9-6:
485	(12)		TRACEABILITY 162 (C.F.S.S) (J Local) S Williams 4-9-4 K Fallon
406	(n)		REMAADI SUM 16 (DJF) (T Barker) M Usher 5-9-2 R Sheet
407	(11)	5/3-4	MUKHLLES 13 (Armorex Ltd) Bob Jones 4-9-2
408	(8)	001-211	ALBAHA 42 (0,6) (I K Packaging) J Banks 4-8-2 R Mullen (5)
409	(1)		TOTEM DANCER 174 (6) (Diamond Rackog) J Eyre 4-9-2 R Lappin
410	(9)	85105-4	AL'S ALBI 18 (D,S) (Sieses Stud) W Mox 4-8-13
411	[4)	134114	FINGLISH INVADER 18 (D.G.S.) (J. Porcell) C Duyer 6-8-13 L Dotton
412	(6)	60-0401	AT LIBERTY 20 (D.F.G) (B Adams) R Hannon 5-8-13 Dama O'Neill
413	(2)	001316-	FLORENTINO 162 (F,S) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 4-8-9 # Hills
414	(3)	0/51000-	REBME 85J (CD,F,6) (1 Goldsmath) R Allehorst 8-8-6 T Quina
415	(13)		BOWLED OVER 16 (O.G) IR Cross C Cycer 4-8-6 M Roberts
416	(17)	1-55323	PRINCE DANZIG 20 (D.F.G) (A Ulnch) D Murray South 6-8-0 R Fireach (5)
417	(81)	000-140	TAYLAFEK 27 (6) (T Shepherd) 5 Dow 4-7-13
418	(5)	4-21214	GALAPINO 7 (D.BF.F.C) (N Dearman) Miss & Kellensy 4-7-10 G Bardwell

FORM FOCUS

(3-Y-0: £4,581: 7f) (12 runners)				
501	(2)	CHANGE FOR A BUCK (Buckson Oak) H Cecal 8-11 K Fallon		
502	(1D)	3- DELILAH 200 (Highclans Racing) M Stords 8-11 W R Swindown		
503	(5),	CELLUA (X Affara) R Guest B-11 J Redd		
504	(3)	FONTEYN (it Collins) A Stewart 8-11 M Roberts		
505	(9)	6- GANGERSNAP 165 (T Holland-Martin) H Cecil 8-11 A MicStone		
506	(8)	GOING GREEN (W Gredley) J Farshaut 8-11		
507	m	KAZIRANGA (Shelib Mahammet) L Carrent 8-11 R Financh (5)		
508	(1)	0- Mass TY RAM 207 (R Rechards) & HASE 8-11 J.D. Smith (3)		
509	141	4 PERLETHORPE 20 (Mes S Farr) M Ball B-11 L Destori		
510	m	2- RESECCA SHARP 185 (A Opperbalmer) & Wrapp 8-11 ## Hills		
511	(17)	O. SHARKTYAH 165 /H al-Maldoumt R Armstrong B-11 R Hills		

1996; TAWAADED 8-11 R HRLs (33-1) P Walteyn 16 can

DELEAH about 1/41 3rd of 12 to River Ush in smallers at Heydock (71, good) MRSTY RAIN 101 course and distance (good) with GMIGGERSMA 118 of 24 to SpeetCard in malder at Newbury (SI. good to firm).

1	(5)	ALFANDIAN (A zi -Naktoum) J Goszlen 9-0	. L Dettori
	(20)	BEHBAO THE SCENES (A Cycer) C Cycer 9-0	D McKeowo
	Īή	BIG TANGET IK Maeda) M Stoute 9-0	. K Bædshaw
7	(18)	BUTRINTO (Lady Rothschild) W Hern 9-0	TSprake
	(14)	COBLE (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0	
	(15)	DARICY (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn
	(1)	DOKOS (Narches Family) H Cecil 9-0	K Fasion
	(19)	GO HENCE (P Bursell) W Jarvis 9-0	R Cochrane
		GRAND HOTEL (New Friends) P Harris 9-0	A Charle
	(9)	LORD EUROLAK (Euroka) Strup) J Dankop 9-0 ,	Tülulna
11	(17)	PATRIOT GAMES (B Seles) M Slouts 9-0	J Rekd
	(3)	PRINCE OF BHUTAN (Lucayan Stud) P Hannon 9-0	. Dama Critical
	商	RATE (Gray Boys) S Dow 9-0	M Roberts
14		REGGE BUCK (Lord De La Warr) L Carrani 9-0	. R Franch (5)
15	(15)	SECUCIA PRINCE (T Neit) M Bell 9-0	<ul> <li>Paul Eddery</li> </ul>
15	(12)	THE PRINCE (I Machicol) & Wrago 9-0	M 1986
17	(4)	WARNINGTORD (Barford Stoodstock) J Fansteine 9-0	D Harmsda
18	(13)	GEORGIA VENTURE (F Chao) S Woods 8-9	C Webb (7)
	(8)	LIGHTEN UP (5 Manage) C Britain 8-9	B Doyle
20	(2)	WATER PLOWER (W Gredley) I Farshare 8-9	Pat Eddery
AFTTE	NG: 11-4	Altaman, 4-1 Dokes, 6-1 Dancy, 8-1 Big Target, Panton Games, Reggie Bu	ek, 10-1 Lord Ev

THUNDERER 2.45 Bernardo Bellotto. 3.20 Dayville. 3.50 Red Guard. 4.25 Loch Style. 5.00 Brave Kris. 5.30 Tallulah Belle.

going; firm (good to firm in places) DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.45 STRAWBERRY HILL MEDIAN AUCTION **MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,879: 51) (14 runners)** 22 BERNARDO BELLOTTO 8 (BF) M Bell 9-0 . . . . M Feston

3-4 Bernando Belánto. 3-1 The Boy John, 4-1 Marmos's Boy, 5-1 Carambo, 10-1 Belher And Scrim, 14-4 Donca's Double, 16-1 Buzd Yates, 20-1 others.

3.20 RACING CHANNEL FILLIES HANDICAP

3-Y-	0: £:	i,390: 6f) (13)
1	312-	DAYWILE 201 (O.S) J Berry 9-7 J Westver
2	566-	SOMG MRST 197 (D.F) P Cole 9-5, David O'Nell (7)
3	004-	MIDNOGHT SHIFT 170 A Gozsi 9-5
4	300-	DNEONIGHT WITH YOU 172 M Fetherston-Godley 9-2 A Cultum
5	61-	MCRANG STAR 169 (F) W McKeown 9-2
6	30-0	EXPRESS 64R 22 (5) () Morbal 9-1
7	3010	LA DOLCE VITA 25 (G) T Sarron 9-0 Vactoria Applieby (7
ŧ	00-0	LA ODICE VITA 25 (G) T Baron 9-0 Victoria Acqueby (7 FALLS O'MONESS 18 K Burte 9-0 D R MicCob
9	34-3	GIVE 20 K Hazeron 8-71 18 Hazeron 8-71
10	6-02	NORY DAWN 18 K hory 8-11 G Duffeld
11	13-3	SOVIET LADY 21 (6) J Eyes 8-4
12		BOLD GAYLE 16 Mrs J Rimedian B-4
13	6502	PATTNE THATCH 14 W G SI Turner 7-10
.1 An	ni. 7-1	Davville, Bold Bavie, Ivory Davin, 8-1 Song Misl, 10-1 others.

### 3.50 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES

40 DURAID 7 Danys Smits 5-9-13 NR MONIFOLE 33 T VOINDING 5-1-3. S Walling to Paramag 2 Paramag 2

CHELTENHAM

2.20 Talathath. 2.55 Seek The Faith. 3.30 HENRI-ETTA HOWARD (nap). 4.00 Double Silk. 4.35 Greenback. 5.10 Mystic Hill.

1 13FU MEM.ANDS-SENERAL 16 (D.F.S.S) P. Nichalls 11-11-10. P. Hick 98 2 360 P. Nielber L.Y. P. Lace M. R.S. N. Indison-Dunius 9-11-10 G. Liesettyn 90 3 5-52 SECK THE RATH 74 (D.S. M. Sheppart #-11-2 ... R. Dunwoody 80 4 5411 RED BEAM 22 (D.F.S.) N. Westerl 9-10-4 ... R. Lohnson 92 5 685U MORTHERN (O'PINAST 22 (D.F.S.) B Liesetyn 9-10-0 N. Williamson 90 6 5501 RUSTIC GENT 16 (D.F.S.) D. Berchell 9-10-0 ... D. J. Burchell 84

7-4 Pumberley Place, 2-1 Newlands-Genoral, 3-1 Seek The Patin, 8-1 Red Bean, 20-1 Northern Optomist, 25-1 Russic Gent.

5-4 Counterfl, 5-1 The Toiseach, 6-1 Henrictia Howard, 7-1 El Dos, 10-1 Santalia Boy, 12-1 So Proud, 14-1 others.

3.30 LYNX EXPRESS HANDICAP HURDLE

2,20 NEW BARN LANE NOVICES HURDLE

1)-10 Talathaib, 5-4 King Ol Sparta, 10-1 Destant Storm. 12-1 others

2,55 HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE

Carl Evans: 4.00 Double Silk.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£2,957: 2m 1f) (6 numers)

(£5,121: 2m 110yd) (6)

## BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Chaltenham: 5.10 Shahrani. Pontefract: 4.25 Yuppy Girl.

4.00 HOWARD E PERRY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,801; 3m 2f 110yd) (8) 

7 -P21 JUSTICE MOON 37 (F.E.S) Mins C Hicks 8-12-0 J M Prichas B RORT L'UOMO PIL 13 (F.E.S) A Barrow 13-12-0 \_\_\_\_\_ O McPhe 3-1 Double S.D., 4-1 The Malskarms. 9-2 kilotic. 5-1 Young Brave, 8-1 others 4.35 BIRDLIP MOVICES CHASE (£3,397: 2m 5f) (4) 

4 Breesback, 6-4 Formal Invitation, 7-2 Wee Windy, 50-1 Procedo 5.10 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,996: 2m 5t 110yd) (13)

COURSE SPECIALISTS CHELTERHAMA Trainers: R Wilkins, 5 winners from 7 runners, 71.4%, O Shewood, 15 from 71, 21.1%, C Mann, 4 from 24. 16.7%, Jackeys: A PMcCop, 20 whomes hom 86 roles, 23.3%; R Williamson, 25 from 115, 21.7%; R Durwoody, 43 from 231, 18.5% POWNERACT: Trainers: V Cocal, 14 structs knop 35 nanexs, 40.0s., P Cole, 5 from 13, 38.5%; J Pearte, 7 from 23, 30.4%. Jockeys: W Ryan, 18 winners from 82 rides, 22.0%; N Adams, 4 from 32, 12.5%, 6 Partin, 3 from 26, 11.5%.

### Wild Rice to give Wragg taste of success

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#### TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

#### NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

2.05: Madly Sharp goes well fresh and runs his best races at this track, having won twice and finished runner-up on the other two starts. Bill Watts has an excellent record here and the booking of Pat Eddery makes him one for the shortlist. Highborn won here last autumn off a 21b lower mark and should be straight after a respectable effort over an inadequate trip at Ripon seven days

However, Geoff Wragg has his string in form and Wild Rice, who has been showing up well on the home gallops, makes con-siderable appeal. He recorded his best effort over course and distance when beaten less than half a length last October, goes well on fast ground and could be best caught fresh. 2.35: Wixim is sure to win some decent races this term but prefers ease in the ground, as does Acharne. The Julie Ceciltrained pair, Restructure and Behaviour, look exposed, while Ali-Royal, arguably the form choice, is not certain to appreciate

today's extra furlong. Twice-raced maidens do not win many group races but Rocky Oasis is a most interesting runner. Just beaten at Sandown last

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Nap: WILD RICE (2.05 Newmarket) Next best: Rebecca Sharp (4.15 Newmarket)

spring by Shantou, the subsequent St Leger winner, he then suffered a setback but has been working well at home. He can enhance Michael Stoute's outstanding record with older horses.

3.05: Hidden Meadow, a good third to Desert Story in the Horris Hill Stakes, looks best in at the weights and has Frankie Dettori riding, but Ian Balding's yard is not firing on all cylinders. This appears a below-average running of the Free Handicap and there could be a surprise. Juwwi looked useful last summer but has not raced since July. Andreyev has been pleasing Richard Hannon at home but it could pay to take a risk with Mukaddar, who did little wrong in three starts last term, ending up with a good second behind Papua in a valuable race here.

3.40: Angus-G makes considerable appeal in a right handicap. Twice a winner over the July course last summer and third in the Cambridgeshire, Mary Reveley's five year-old is still relatively lightly raced and should benefit from the step up to 12 miles. At Liberty is well handicapped but rarely wins and Florentino looks a bigger danger.

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## RESULTISIEROM VESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

#### Newmarket Going good

2.05 (im 4) 1, Street General (K Fallon, 9-4 fav. Newmarket Correspondent's rap); 2, Salameh (5-2); 3, Assured Gamble (12-1); 9 ran. 2i, shind H Cecll. Tole: £2.70; £1.40, £1.20, £2.40, £7: £4.50 Tho: £28.90, CSF: £5.86 2min 35.22380.

2.25 (8) 1, Monaassib (D O'Donohoe, 9-4 lav, Private Handicapper's top rating) 2. Easy Dollar (8-1): 3. Sylve Paradise (12-1) 8 cm. 14; 14\tilde E Dunlop Tote £2.70: \$1.90, £3.10, \$1.80. DF, £19.00 CSF: \$19.95. 1min 11 42sec. Alter a stewards' inquiry, result stood. inquiry, result stoop.

3, 10 (71) 1, REUNION (R Hills, 8-1); 2, Oh Nellie (Pat Eddeny, 9-4 fav); 3, Slegant Warning (M Hills, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Based Aleska (6th), Open Credit, 8 Miss Sencenc (4th), 10 Derms Laure, 25 Caertilly Dancer, Connegrate, Impertal Scholar (5th), 10 fan. 11, 1/8, 3, nl., 2/81, J Hills at Lambourn. Toter, £10,60; £2,40. £1,50, £2,00. DF: £19,20. Trior £31,40 CSF: £24,05, 1mn; 25-28sec.

3.45 (7) 1, Poteen (Pat Eddary, 1-3 tav); 2, Za-lm (100-30); 3, Sugarfoot (20-1); 5 ran, Nik, St. Lourani, Toler £1.30; £1.10, £1.20, DF: £1.30 CSF: £1.40, 1min 27.18sec. 27.18sec. 4.15 (7) 1, Shawad (R Hills, 9-4); 2, Komi (16-1); 3, Damaway (7-4 lay), 12 ran, Nk, 2, J Duniop, Tote 12,10; 21.50, 22,30, 21.40 DF: 280.20 Trio; 221.40, CSF:

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4.45 (7f) 1, Summer Queen (A Clark, 40-1); 2, Just Nick (14-1); 3, Blue Gobin (B-1); 4, Seepless (B-1); Share Delight 5-1 fev. 20 ran. 1/8.); 4); 5 Woods, Tote: £186.80; £389.0; £369, £2.00; £7.70. DF: £286.90; £389.0; £2.00; £7.70. DF: £286.90; £389.0; £2.00; £7.70. DF: £286.90; £389.

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Piacepot: £35,00. Quadpot: £13.20. Cheltenham Going: good to firm 2.20 (2m 4) hole) 1. Pridwell (R-Dunwoody, 1-8 tay); 2. Handy Lass (8-1). 2 ran, NR Mithraic. 30l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.10.

£1.10, 25.5 (2m 5i ch) 1, Strong Promise (N Williamson, 4.5 tav); 2, Gales Cavaller (5-1); 3, Vilong Flagship (2-1) 4 ran. 211, 17, G Hubbard, Totar £1.90, DF. £2.10, CSF: £4.45. CSF: £4.45.
3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Str Dante (D O'Suthern, 5-1 ji-lev); 2, Silver Thyne (8-1); 3, Good Vibes (7-1) Fantasy Line 5-1 ji-lev (0, 9 ran. 141, 394. R Rowe Tota: £5.20; £1.80, £1.70, £2.00 DF: £17.10. Trib: £52.90, CSF: £31.52 Tribast: £189.67.

3. Copper Mine (9-1) Deriver Bay 5-1 if-few (puj) 10 ren. NR: Big Ben Dun. 1 14, 3. K. Burka. Tote. (5-80; 51 40, 53-60, 53.30. DF: 558.70. Tricx 5283.10 CSF: 256.85 Tricast: £467.74. 4.85 (2m 5! ch) 1, Boots N All (8 Fenton, 9-2), 2, Decyborg (100-30); 3, Kay To Moyada (10-1), Regal Aura 11-4 fev. 7 ran. 7; 3, G Backing, Tote: 55, 10; 52,50, 52,20 DF: 26 40, CSF: 218.05. 5,10 (2m 41 hdle) 1, Chief Mouse (P Carberry, 7-2); 2, Sterling Fellow (12-1); 3, Arrogent Heir (3-1 tex), 6 ran, 1 %1, 171 F Jordan, 10te: 53,10; £1,40, £4,30, DF 224,20, CSF; £34,83. Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,231.44 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £123.30, Quadpot: £129.30, Exeter Going firm

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2.10 (2m 2) hole) 1, Mejor Dundee (A P McCoy, 4-5 lav), 2, Anna Soleil (11-10); 3, Royal Member (88-1) 4 ran. 21, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1,70, DF £1.10 CSF, £1,88. 2.45 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Spring To It (A P McCoy, Evens tar); 2, Jones Chudleigh (8-1); 3, Trust Deed (7-4), 4 ran, 9l, 22l, M Pipe, Toter £1.70 DF £5.10, CSF, £7.24. 3.20 (2m 3i 110yd hdie) 1, Northern Starlight (A P McCoy, 6.4 tav); 2, Own Crystal (11-4), 3, Seveo (4-1), 5 tan. NR: Our Ranking, 5l, kl M Pipe. Tote: £1.90, £1.10, £1.60, DF £3.40, CSF: £5.87. 952.90. CSF 231.52. Tricast £189.67.
4,00 (3m 2! 110yd ch) 1, Le Meille (N (A P McCoy, 1-10 tay); 2, Tommy Cooper Willemson, 7-1), 2, God Speed You (8-1); (9-1); 3, Carmival Clown (33-1) 5 ran 1/5/.

13l. M Pipe Tole: £1.10; £1.20, £1.10. DF £1.80, CSF-£1.36 4.25 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Coolteen Herd (P Holley, 8-1); 2, Henley Regatta (9-1); 3, Mr Ptsylulf (3-1), Pond House 2-1 taw, 8 ren. NR: Toomuch Tooscon. 3, 12, R Aher. Tole £7 50; \$180, £280, £1 10; DF: £17 30, Tno: £32.50 CSF: £70.20, Tricast: £244.90.

5.00 (2m 2 hole) 1. Mrs Em (L. Cummins; 9-4); 2, Thre Leader (100-30); 3; Commanche Creek (2-1 lav); 8 ran. 8l. 40; P. Nicholis Toter £2.30; £1 40; £1.40; £1.00; DF: £3.70 CSF: £8.69; Tricastr£18.76.

Placepot: £13.80. Quadpot: £3.005



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# Runners up to 4 hours, 12 minutes, 49 secs

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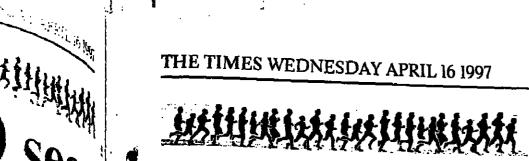
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BOXING

Jacobs can

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By Srikumar Sen

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

GARY JACOBS'S world

championship potential in his new division of light-middle-

weight will be examined

tonight at York Hall, Bethnal

Green. The former British,

European and Common-wealth welterweight champi-on — who made a big

impression last month by

knocking out Jimmy Vincent

in the first round of his first

bout at light-middleweight,

after an absence of nine

months from the ring - meets

The 27-year-old Russian

ourneyman is a good test. He

has had 32 contests, of which

he has lost five. Jacobs was to

have met Adrian Dodson, the

World Boxing Organisation

(WBO) No I. from Islington,

last week, but when the bout

fell through because of con-

tractual problems, Fessetchko

As Fessetchko was stopped

in three rounds by Laurent

Boudouani, of France, the World Boxing Association

champion, a good win tonight

would tell us more about the

Glaswegian's world title pros-

pects. Jacobs's new promoters,

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## Liverpool embark on double mission

By Peter Ball and Russell Kempson

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LIVERPOOL begin a programme of two matches in four days tonight that will go a long way to deciding their season. They meet Everton at Goodison Park tonight before Manchester United, the FA Carling Premiership champions, visit Anfield on Saturday. If they emerge with six points, Liverpool will be poised to win their first championship for

even years. Ironically, Everton have proved the greater hurdle in recent years, but that should not be the case tonight, even though Everton ended their dismal run last Saturday by beating Tottenham Hotspur. Liverpool, though, know that they cannot afford to let derby passions nullify their obvious superiority.

'it's a must-win game," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. "But we have got to go and earn it. We have to make sure we play as

#### Francis ends Limpar's stay

BIRMINGHAM City yesterday cancelled the contract of Anders Limpar, only three months after signing Ei00,000. The former Arsenal player was recently fined after failing to turn up for a reserve team match.

Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager, said: There was an element of risk when we signed Limpar. His ability was never in question but he has had one or two problems concerning

Limpar started only four matches for Birmingham, and failed to complete any of

well as we can, but we also have to make sure that we match their determination."

There is a myth that derby games are great levellers, with fact, in their years of hegemony, Liverpool beat Everton as regularly as they beat everybody else. Their recent run of failure - they have not won a Merseyside derby for three - testified simply to their lack of championship quality, and in particular, their failure to match the hunger that Everton have

Everton under Dave Watson are likely to be as aggressive as they were in the Joe Royle years, and Watson's relish for his first derby as caretaker manager was evident yesterday. "These are the games to play in, for atmosphere and for passion," he said. "They might be a bit frantic at times, but these are the big ones. I'm hoping that the atmosphere will carry our

Watson is all too aware of Robbie Fowler's potential to tilt the balance Liverpool's way. With a goal in each of the past three meetings, Fowler is beginning to have the same impact as Ian Rush, the leading scorer in the games beveen the clubs.

"Robbie was my player of the year," Watson said. You've got to be on your toes for him all the time. When the ball is at a Liverpool defender's feet, Robbie is on the move. He'll be drifting away from you while you're watching the ball, and that's how he gets in on goal."

If he gets away from Watson. Fowler will also have to beat Southall, who adds to his own record by playing in his fortieth derby tonight. A clean sheet would be a fitting way to

Wimbledon attempt to salvage something from their season when they play Leeds United at Selhurst Park. They can still qualify for Europe, via a high finish in the Premiership, but will need to collect near-maximum points from their six matches.

Discounting their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final exit against Leicester City last month, on the away goals rule, Wimbledon's 3-0 FA Cup semi-final defeat by Chelsea on Sunday was their first in 15 outings in knockout competition this season.

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, gleaned little satisfaction from the record, such was his initial disappointment, but he has yet to concede that the club's European target is unattainable.

"You never know," he said esterday. "The season starts again for us, it has to. We still have six games to go and we have to treat it like another cup. I've asked so much of my players this season but now

I ve got to ask them for more." Wimbledon lie in eighth sixth position — occupied, at present, by Sheffield Wednesday — that could be enough to gain entry to the Uefa Cup and give them a first taste of continental combat. On Saturday, they play Wednesday at Hillsborough. When Wimbledon won the FA Cup in 1988, they were denied their rightful place in the European Cup

Newcastle United, fifth, and Chelsea, seventh, harbour similar yet more realistic European ambitions. They meet at St James' Park tonight, with Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, likely to rest several of Sunday's winning side.

## A man marked by issues of morality

Richard Hobson on the doubts that will trouble

Pontus Kaamark at Hillsborough tonight

Ontus Kaamark did not need to walk far to L exchange a word with Juninho at the end of the Coca-Cola Cup final. The pair stood cheek by jowl, just as they had for most of the preceding 120 minutes; the sublimely skilled Brazilian reduced to mortality by the close attention of his Scandinavian marker.

Juninho might have misconstrued Kaamark's proferred palm on the final whistle as an invitation to begin hand-to-hand combat, so little hospitality had his opponent shown during the game. He would not have been more wrong.
"I apologised to Juninho

because he wanted to play football and I had stopped him," Kaamark said. "I said it was my job, because he is such a good player. He was very nice about it, but I did not offer to exchange shirts because he had probably seen mine enough already."

Kaamark, capped 27 times by Sweden, is a thoughtful man and questions the validity of the destructive role he was asked to fulfil. In the past, he has done a similar job for Gothenburg in the Champions' League and for his country, most notably when he nullified Romario, another Brazilian, during the group stages of the 1994 World Cup.

"If there is a guy who is an artist, then why take him away? People want to see good skills, but it is something I have to do sometimes because my team does not like to be fooled. Morally, I do not enjoy t. I believe players should be free because this is showbusiness." Did Gentile and Goicoechea ever go through such turmoil when they kicked Maradona black and blue?



Kaamark has reservations about a role that is limited to trying to stifle the talents of the likes of Juninho

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester City manager, was surprised to be told that Kaamark had referred to morality in man-marking. It is not a word often used in

football.
Slightly ruffled, he intimated that the player would be asked to stick to Juninho again at Hillsborough in the replay tonight "as long as he does not find it too immoral to get on the team coach". More seriously, he added: "If Pontus has marked a player fairly, within the rules of the game, then I do not see the problem."

It is a huge game for Kaamark, who can expect a

recall to the Sweden squad for the World Cup qualifying game against Scotland on April 30 if he performs even reasonably well. His last appearance for the national side was 19 months ago, shortly before he joined Leicester from IFK Gothenburg for £840,000. Before Wembley, little had gone right.

In his second appearance he twisted anterior cruciate ligaments, and he broke down again in a reserve game in January last year. Eleven months passed while he received treatment and underwent rehabilitation before his first-team comeback against

Coventry City. A third mishap befell him five weeks later when he broke his arm during an FA Cup tie against Nor-wich City. He still wears a light, plastic east for matches. He still believes that it is

essential for Swedish players to move abroad if they wish to better themselves. The domestic league, dominated by a few clubs, hardly encourages personal improvement or generates wealth for its stars. Even Gothenburg are re-

signed to selling their best players and, when they lost to Legia Warsaw in the preliminary round of the Champions' League in 1995, it was time for

Kaamark to go. Gothenburg's failure put Sweden's ambi-tions back on a realistic level after the euphoria of 1994. when the national team reached the World Cup semifinals before losing to Brazil. Decline, Kaamark believes, was inevitable. Yet he insists that his ambitions, while altered, have not dimmed.

"If Leicester win the Coca-Cola Cup, stay in the Premier-ship, and then Sweden beat Scotland with me in the side. then it would be worth missing more than a year with injury," he said. He can worry about the means to that end

Jacobs: facing stern test

as possible, believe that if he cannot beat Fessetchko, he might as well not harbour thoughts about boxing at world level.

On the same bill, Paul Lloyd, the Commonwealth bantamweight champion, form Ellesmere Port, makes the second defence of his title against Simphwe Pamana, of South Africa. Pamana is a former super-flyweight champion of his country, but does not appear to have the power to cause Lloyd too much

Michael Ayers, the British lightweight champion, has been given a revised date of May 31 and the new venue of Stuttgart for his WBO title bout with Artur Grigorian, the holder, who is a Russian based in Germany. Grigorian was forced to pull out of the original fight, scheduled for a week on Thursday in Hamburg, because he injured a shoulder in training.

The purse offer date for Lennox Lewis's mandatory defence of his World Boxing Council heavyweight title against Henry Akinwande, the former WBO champion, has been changed again to April 29 in Mexico City - the seventh different deadline.

BASEBALL: EXPANDED AUDIENCE OFFERED IN BRITAIN BY GAME'S ATLANTIC CROSSING

## Clubs make pitch for television converts council to give up one of its football pitches. Ice hockey and basketball were able to

back to front or right

Not that the game does not Winners' Cup by the post-Heysel ban on English clubs.

Major League Baseball In-

Nick Szczepanik on spin-offs expected by the home runners as Channel 5 approaches first base in its Major League coverage

way round; now watch, or, better still, play the game. With Channel 5 now showing Major League Baseball on a regular basis for the first time on British terrestrial television, the domestic game is getting ready to capitalise on what its organisers believe of interest.

already have a substantial foothold, which may surprise those who imagine that the only baseball played here goes on in Hyde Park between teams of expats. Membership of the British Baseball Federation (BBF). which was founded in 1890 and employs paid administrators, extends to 100 or so clubs such as the Hessle Apaches, the Leeds Luddites and the Hemel Red Sox, whose results and fixtures during the season that started last weekend will be broadcast in Channel 5's coverage of the American

Britain international, is atviewers how and where they can play the game in their

ternational has a London office and supports the Great Britain national team coach well as a schools programme named Pitch, Hit, and Run, which will start after Clive Russell, its representative, is delighted with the Channel 5 plans. They have chosen baseball

as their main sport," he said. "Having a terrestrial partner elevates the profile of Major League Baseball across the country and, finding one like Channel 5, which is prepared to invest in our other programmes like Pitch. Hit, and Run and Baseball Festival means we can bring all our assets together to the best advantage for everyone."

In addition to live coverage of two games per week during the regular season. Channel 5 is including a baseball coaching segment within The Mag. a youth magazine pro-gramme, and will inform area. Members of the BBF will be manning telephones after each broadcast to let interested parties know where they can sign up

We have the network in place to take advantage of it," Kevin Macadam, of the BBF. "Our coaching and youth programmes mean that we already have good British players and the product is entertaining."

Although the BBF champions

ons, Menwith Hill Pirates. from a US military base in Yorkshire, are all-American. British standards are high. In the European championships. held in Hull last summer. Great Britain won promotion to European pool A and several young players have attracted attention across the Atlantic.

Gavin Marshall, 18, a pitcher for Kingston Cobras and a

tending San Joaquin Delta College, in California, where he is regarded as their No I pitcher. It is hoped that he will be the first player from British Major League club. Also on the horizon is a

British Super League. "The BBF's aim is to offer eight or ten franchises which existing teams, from our Premier League or not, will be able to bid for." Macadam said. "We will assist them with funding."

Successful bidders will be expected to have existing coaching and youth development programmes. If National Lottery and sponsorship backing can be achieved, the first Super League games will be played in 1998.

"We know they will need at least a year to get ready. Our biggest problem is space it means encouraging a local

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TENNIS

move straight into existing facilities. They have been able to expand quickly," Macadam are proceeding with at least three blue-chip companies

that, Macadam hopes, will see ground floor of a boom sport. Baseball is the last of the big US sports to make a major play for the UK audience and it's the most family-oriented," he said. "I'm not deluded enough to

think baseball will take over from cricket," Macadam said, "but there is a niche in the market for eight or ten clubs with Minor League standard facilities. We aim to recreate the Minor League experience: a thousand spectators, with commentary. We know people will get hooked on it. We hope that Channel 5 will create the sort of interest that started in American football when Channel 4 began cover-

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

### Tigers' hunt for coach closes in on Raper

By Christopher Irvine

CASTLEFORD Tigers are expected to confirm the appointment of a coach from overseas shortly, as successor to John Joyner, who parted company with the club that is bottom of the Super League a fortnight

A decision was deferred at a board meeting on Monday, when 15 candidates were considered and the shortlist was drawn up.

Stuart Raper, the reserve grade coach at Cronulla Sharks and favourite for the job, did not apply but was approached by the club. Raper, son of Johnny Raper,

the former Australia international forward, has acquired a reputation as one of the most promising young coaches in Australia. Another Australian in the running is Steve Martin, who was in charge at Featherstone Rovers for two years until October 1994. Reports yesterday suggested

that Raper could arrive at Wheldon Road within the next few weeks. Martin's advantage is that he is already in the country, as are two more Australians who have been linked with the position, Phil Sigsworth, the Hull coach. and Steve Simms, who was in charge at Halifax Blue Sox until two months ago.

An announcement is being

delayed until Jack Foulton, the Castleford football chairman, returns from holiday in Florida, where he is being kept informed of developments. Going into the Stones Super League match at Leeds Rhinos last night, Castleford were without a point in six matches. Joyner has emerged as the

early favourite to succeed David Ward as the Featherstone Rovers coach. After 22 years at Post Office Road. Ward this week became the seventh coach to part company with his club this season. Ward, the former Leeds and Great Britain hooker, is expected to remain at Featherstone as junior development officer. Whoever takes over has a hard task to lift

Featherstone from one place off the bottom of the first division. Howard Cartwright. the assistant coach, and Kevin Hobbs, the Alliance coach, are in joint-temporary charge for the match on Sunday at Workington. Keighley Cougars and

Widnes, two other teams that did not expect to find themselves in the lower half of the first division, meet tonight at Cougar Park Widnes have added three more Australian players to their overseas quota, Damian McGarry, Kyle

IN BRIEF

#### McRae feels flat after puncture

COLIN McRAE, the over-night leader, slipped back to fourth place at the end of the second day of the Catalonia Rally. After maintaining his lead for three stages yesterday, the British driver had to stop to change a wheel after a puncture on special stage II. McRae's Subaru teammate, Piero Liatti, of Italy, shares first place with Tommi

Makinen, the world champi-

from Finland in a

Mitsubishi. McRae is 3min 32sec behind. Olympic Games: The British Olympic Association has named Simon Clegg as its new general secretary. Clegg, 38, who had been assistant general secretary since 1989, will also take charge of the

Great Britain team at the winter Olympics in Japan next year. Hockey: Cannock lost an appeal yesterday over a technical objection in their extratime defeat by Teddington in the HA Cup quarter-final on

Sunday. The semi-finals will

now go ahead on April 27 as scheduled. Curling: Scotland's men moved into fourth place in the round-robin rankings at the world championships in Berne yesterday, after beating

#### **GOLF**

### **Even more companies** rise to the Challenge

By MEL WEBB

way to early spring, the thoughts of company executives are turning to their promotional and marketing plans for the summer. The thoughts of more than 300 of them have already turned, actually, in that they have registered their company golf days with The Times/Mees-Pierson Corporate Golf Challenge.



The amateur golf competition that makes players feel like professionals is in its fifth year, and yet again the number of entries at this stage of the season has risen by 20

per cent. Last year, 1,000 businesses entered the Challenge, and such is its power in the corporate market that at least 1,200 entries can be expected

in 1997. It is impressive by any

standards, but when set

AS THE cold of winter gives successful background it is a remarkable fact that, year on year, it continues to grow at such a rate. As ever, word of mouth has been its biggest recruiting aid — once played in, the Challenge has a habit of creating a host of unpaid but willing salesmen.

It is not always valid to express things in terms of mere cash, but it is beyond question that the Challenge offers unbeatable value. When the competition was launched in 1993, entry cost £150. It remains the same today.

For that registration fee, companies receive personalised trophies, computer software to help with the smooth running of the day, a threemonth subscription to Golf World, copies of The Times at the golf day, appearance in weekly fixtures and results columns in the newspaper, the chance to move forward into one of 14 regional finals and, finally, a place in the national final at the Hyatt La Manga

Resort in November. Players in the regional finals will play on some of the finest golf courses in the British Isles, venues such as the K Club, Dalmahoy, St Pierre and the Forest of Arden. And, if all that does not represent a bargain, then against its already hugely nothing does.

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**RUGBY UNION** 

## England can test depth of talent on Argentina tour

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WHEN the England team management announces the party of 30 this morning that will make a six-match tour of Argentina next month, it will not be thinking only of South America but Australia, 100. England's summer programme incorporates a onematch visit to Sydney and those who win caps against the Argentinians could also do so against Australia.

World title

Although England's representatives on the British Isles tour to South Africa will be available by July 12, when the Sydney international is scheduled, they will have completed a gruelling eight weeks. Some will be carrying injuries, oth-ers crying out for rest, and though the Rugby Football Union has booked seats from Johannesburg to Sydney for nine players, only a handful

are likely to be required. That is why Jack Rowell, the England coach, attaches such significance to the England tour. It is an unparalleled opportunity to give his backup players a taste of the real thing. Results from the A internationals have been enof such players as Alex King. the Wasps stand-off half, Tony Diprose, the Saracens No S. and Jos Baxendell, the Sale centre, can be rewarded.

The Lions, in any case, have left a stream of talent behind. Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, may believe that Mike Catt and Adedayo Adebayo will be required in South Africa at some stage, but, for the present, England have use of them and can be sure of fielding a back division against Argentina most of whom have already been

#### Problems piling up for Swansea

Swansea's build-up to the Swalec Cup final later this month has suffered another blow with two more players reporting unfit Simon Davies pulled a hamstring late in the semi-final against Ebbw Vale and Matthew Back, the full back, has a dead leg.

Swansea are already without four Wales internationals Colin Charvis, Luc Evans, internationals have been en-couraging and the ambitions Arwel Thomas and Tony

### Leicester forced to bank on reserves

LEICESTER, the wheels having come off their Courage Clubs Championship challenge last week, are placing their immediate future in the hands of some inexperienced youngsters against London Irish at Sunbury tonight (David Hands writes). They have no choice of the ten senior players missing, nine are injured and the tenth, Richard Cockerill, gets a de-

served rest. The casualty list includes Martin Johnson, the British Isles captain, and Will Greenwood, both of whom have ankle injuries. "This is a game we would really like to have had everyone play in because we would expect to win it, but we can't," Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby. said with an air of resignation.

On the plus side, however, he can field some hungry young players while resting

those who looked so weary as they crashed to a record league defeat by 47-9 to Bath at the weekend. The names of Mark Jasnikowski and Nnamdi Ezulike may not mean much to an audience outside Leicester but the centre and wing will welcome an unexpected opportunity, as will Lewis Moody, the young flanker who scored two tries for England in the colts international with Wales on

It is important for the Irish that they should take advantage of their weakened visitors. They have no chance of avoiding the play-offs but. with games in hand on West Hartlepool, they can scrape clear of the two automatic relegation places though they may be without their Ireland stand-off half. David Humphreys, who also has a damcapped, with the possible exception of full back. There, Jim Mallinder, the deserving Sale captain, may make a belated Greenstock, of Wasps, could joust with the strong-running Baxendeli.

It is the forwards, though, who will face the most severe test of ability and temperament. Argentina, who drew the last series between the countries I-I in 1990 and were robbed at Twickenham last December, when Jason Leonard's late try gave England a 20-18 win, will provide a volatile atmosphere, particularly in the two country matches, in Cordoba and against Cuyo Province in Mendoza.

Discipline will therefore be a key element, which players such as Garath Archer should bear in mind. Archer, the Newcastle lock, has a chance to re-establish himself as an international this summer, as has John Mallett, the Bath prop. who collected his solitary cap during the 1995 World Cup but has now settled effectively in his club's

refurbished pack There is a healthy quantity of tight forwards from which to choose, but the back-row combination will be instructive. From the five nations' championship. Chris Sheasby and Ben Clarke can join forces with uncapped players such as Rory Jenkins, of Harlequins, and Martin Corry, of Bristol, though the latter has been

struggling with a groin strain.
The summer will also prove illuminating in terms of leadership. Phil de Glanville, who is contemplating stepping down from the captaincy of Bath after two years, has been designated a long-term England captain, but Rowell will keep an eye on Martin Johnson's development as captain of the Lions. De Glanville is due to discuss the situation with his club, but is inclined to focus on his national role.

The management will also bear in mind the requirements of the England Under-21 tour party to Australia. They have five matches between June 28 and July 12, and although the Argentina tour will be over by June 7, even the most enthusiastic youngsters need a break from rugby at some stage.



Cooke keeps his eyes on the ball as he prepares to serve against Brown, of Australia

## Cooke in impressive form for dominant England

By RICHARD EATON

ALAN COOKE likes the Commonwealth table tennis championships. The former England No I from Derbyshire, who has won gold and silver individual medals in this tournament, scored his fourth success in four encounters, as England completed their fifth victory to move closer to the men's team final at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow

yesterday. Cooke, 31, does not apparently consider himself as a frontrunner for the singles title this time, although his form over the first two days

suggests that he could surprise a few people. Having beaten the China-born Malaysian, Liu Jun Hui, late on Monday night, Cooke fol-lowed it with rapid straightgames wins over Trevor Brown, of Australia, and Sen Yew Fai, of Singapore, attackthan relying on controlled top

England beat both Australia and Singapore 5-0, leaving them within one victory of tomorrow's final.

Matthew Syed, likely to be top seed for the men's singles, has been playing within himself, and although Alex Perry suffered England's only loss in the first five matches, against Liu Jun Hui, the young lefthander appears to be the squad's most improving player. His deceptive serving and increased weight of shot may well prove good enough to bring him successes against stronger opponents at the world championships, in

Manchester next week. England's women complet-

POOTBALL

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Manchester City v Grimsby (7 45)

Gillingham v Slockport (7 45) ..

Semi-final replays

Dag and Red v Gloucester
(at Slough Town FC, 7.45)...

Woking v Stevenage (at Vicarage Road, 7.45).. ...

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division

Nationwide League

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FA Umbro Trophy

Coca-Cola Cup

ed stage one by finishing top of their group, thanks to a 4-0 success over South Africa, their third win. They followed with a 4-0 second stage victory over India, although Andrea Holt had to come from 17-18 down in the final game, and was given a warning for kicking the ball away before beating Mylapore Mythili.

If the women beat Australia this morning to complete their fifth success, they will be sure of qualifying for the final.

In their win 4-2 over Malaysia, Lisa Lomas and the English national champion Nicola Deaton, were both beaten by Liu Jing-hong. whose bat was the subject of a protest. Lomas argued that her op-

ponent's bat had too little sponge on it and that the rubber covering hung over the sides. "It was clearly illegal," Lomas said, but the tournament referee. Bob Ebdon, ruled that the Malaysian could continue.

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## Tiger prompts predictions of total eclipse

ne of the oldest pieces of sporting mythology that, incidentally, is perfectly true, is the story of the racehorse-owning Colonel Dennis O'Kelly's pre-race pre-diction: "It will be Eclipse first, the rest nowhere." And so it proved. The horse won just about every race in the 18th century, everybody bar Eclipse fighting for second place, there being no other prize available to the common run of mortal.

It was the same again at the Masters on Sunday night, when Tiger Woods eclipsed the greatest golfers in the world. He was the youngest winner, by the greatest margin, with the best score. The rest of the field were taking part in another event, squabbling among themselves for the right to be second-best.

Already people are talking about the possibility, some even predicting that Woods will add to his green jacket the Holy Grail: the grand slam of all four majors. Golf is a volatile and unpredictable sport, and not even the greatest of players has achieved supremacy of the sort in which the champion wins every event as of right.

In golf, a champion is always under threat, always liable to fall foul of the game's caprices. But the astounded golfing establishment is now staggering about making all kinds of wild predictions that. for the foreseeable future, it really will be Tiger Woods first, the rest nowhere.

This phenomenon, the total domination of an event or a sport by a single person, is something that crops up now and again. In Atlanta, Roger Black, the British runner, spoke of the privilege of finishing second to the extraordinary Michael Johnson in the 400 metres. "People who say they are going to beat Michael Johnson are idiots," he said. "To be second to him is a great achievement."

The Eclipse Phenomenon is a combination of exceptional ability, and the power to establish complete psychological domination: to make your opponents fellow-conspirators in the plot that brings about your own greatness to make them fellow-believers in the cult of your own success.

Ayrton Senna had that ability, which is one of the reasons his death remains a shocking event in the memory. There was a period when the fastest driver in the world was driving the fastest car in the world, the McLaren. How much did Senna win by? Who was second? There was no other question worth asking.

Senna believed in his own greatness and compelled others to believe it. Rebuked for a driving discourtesy, one born of arrogance, he responded with genuine bafflement: "But I am Senna."

In men's tennis. Bjorn Borg had a five-year hegemony at Wimbledon. He set up a tradition that nobody was

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

able to beat him in SW19. Nobody else expected to win, not even Jimmy Connors, who fought and twice won the right to be second.

There seem to be two sports more prone than the rest to the Edipse Phenomenon, one of which is snooker. Steve Davis did it in the 1980s, with six world championships: Stephen Hendry is doing it now, with six, the past five in successive years.

Snooker is a game in which the opportunities for establishing mental advantage are legion. All this is made clear by the touching history of Jimmy White, who, in terms of mere shot-making, is probably the most talented player that ever drew breath. And doomed, in the final analysis, to finish second to Davis or Hendry, again and again.

The other game is women's tennis. In this sport, the Tiger Woods Effect, the Eclipse Phenomenon, is not an extraordinary event, it is the essential rhythm of the sport. It can be marked in eras, one queen following another: Navratilova, Graf. Seles.

t seemed that nothing could break Monica Seles, but a madman with a knife did the job, and Steffi Graf resumed domination of her sport. Now, as she ages, the sport moves into an interregnum. But it is fairly certain that one of the pretenders, most probably Martina Hingis will take on the Eclipse role.

It is always interesting to sneculate on sex and gender. and always dangerous, too, Is it possible to generalise about a weaker service, a weaker will? Or should the talk be of a stronger game, a stronger determination in the cham-

However, there is one certain thing about every champion, every exceptional person who ever dominated a sport, and who compelled the obedience, the serial defeat, of everyone else in the game ultimate defeat, ultimate failure. Sport occasionally lends humans the illusion of immortality; but shockingly soon, the illusion is exposed for what it is. Every champion, no matter how great, is in the end a loser.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

There was some high-class play on this hand from the 1997 Macallan International Pairs.

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Pass All Pass spades if he had the ace of

clubs? And there was no point

in playing a diamond and

hoping declarer would mis-

guess on a heart switch - for

would be bound to get it right.

trick three to a low heart. If

East's hearts had been headed

by A J, the heart switch would

have beaten the contract by

force. As it was, the defence

still had a chance when East

won and returned a heart.

Now declarer (Hervé Mouiel,

of France) guessed well by

going up with the king of

hearts. When the queen fell,

the only other trick he had to

lose was the ace of diamonds.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

So Helgemo switched at

same reason, dèclarer

I assume South's double of Fast's Two Spades was a general forward-going move. When all North could do was bid Three Diamonds, there was a good case for South to

thunt for the contract of the

West (Geir Helgemo, the world individual champion) led the king of spades, which held, and continued with the queen (East unblocking the ten), which also held. Now West could see that, as he had no entry, there was no point in plodding on with spades. He had to hope his partner had two aces, so it was a question of making best use of one of his queens.

If East had the ace of clubs. declarer was bound to guess correctly if West switched to that suit - why would West switch instead of continuing EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

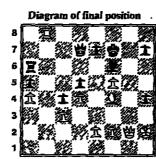
Anand's victory

Viswanathan Anand, the Indian grandmaster, has re-established himself as a serious contender for the world title by sharing first prize in the elite tournament in Dos Hermanas. In this game, Anand first dominates an open file on the queen's flank and then wheels his forces sharp right to deal a death blow to the black king.

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Black: Alexei Shirov

Dos Hermanas, April 1997			
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#### Chess variants

Variations on orthodox chess are becoming increasingly popular. For example, the British Chess Variants Society is proposing to organise a series of UK champion ships in postal play in such alternative types of chess as Losing Chess. Rifle Chess and Progressive Cylinder Chess. Those interested hould contact the British Chess Variants Society, c/o G. P. Jelliss. Top Floor, 63 Eversfield Place, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

Meanwhile, the Bank of China UK Open Championship in Xiangoi (Chinese Chess) will be held at the Bank of China, Cannon Street, London, on Sunday April 20. In Chinese Chess, a river divides the hoard and extra pieces include the cannon and the elephant, Inquiries to C. K. Lai, 12 Lagan House. Sumner Road. London SEI5 5RB.

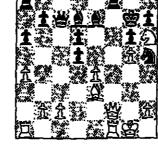
Finally, the Shogi Foundation has been set up to promote Japanese Chess in the UK. In Japan, Shogi - similar to standard chess - has an astounding 20 million adherents. Inquiries to the Shogi Foundation, PO Box 172. Stratford-upon-Avun CV37 8ZA.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Geller -Averkin, USSR 1979. In this position 1 Bd4+, forcing Black to interpose a piece on fo, would not be a bad move. However, Geller found something stronger. Can you see what he played?



ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: David Loyd v Kenikuch (6.20); Meir KA v Knowle; Worcester v Coverniny Sphire. (7.45).
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County match 11:30, first day of four HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Lancashire OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser League; Chem-pionship play-offs; Second leg: Birmingham v Chester (7.0) Birmigharn v Criester (7.0)
BOXING: Commonwealth bentamweight championship: Paul Lloyd (Ellesmere Port. holder) v Sarphee Paratres (SA) (at York Hall, Bethnal Green).
SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: King'a Lyra v Peterboxolgh (7.45). Poole v Ipswich Premier League Cup: Hull v Newcastle (7.30), Long Eaton v Exeter (7.45).



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#### By Philip Howard

WORD-WATCHING

QUOTIDIAN a. A Roman magistrate b. Everyday c. A newspaper

BUCENTAUR a. A man-ox b. The two-hundredth c. A barge

a. Left-right diagonal b. To erase c. To babble ROINOUS a, Dilapidated b. In two minds

c. Contemptible

DEBLATERATE

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Solution on page 54

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Herry Sunderland Shleid: Levion County v Capharn League Cup: Semi-firmal, second leg: Woodford v Beacopysided SYCOB MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparts v Becoheswade Buckloriam Alb v leichmier division: Brache Spene gleswade: Buckingham Ath v Leich th London Colney v Bedford (7.45). , and manager of sales and a regard to the sales of the s CRICKET: DURHAM MAKE RECORD-BREAKING START UNDER THEIR NEW CAPTAIN

## Opening assault stuns Oxford

THE PARKS (first day of three; Durham won toss): Oxford University, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 317 runs behind Durham

DAVID BOON, of Tasmania and Australia, flew in a couple of days ago, took over the captaincy of Durham and thus far has done nothing wrong. He confessed to having hardly had the time to get to know his players, and yesterday he declared before he had the chance to bat. Yet, by winning the toss, he

gave his team first use of ideal conditions — avidly seized upon by Jon Lewis and Paul Collingwood in an opening partnership of 290 — then saw his bowlers, led by Melvyn Betts, reduce Oxford to 36 for six, after they had lost their first three wickets for one run.

Boon is too old a hand to be influenced overmuch by yesterday's events. Oxford will struggle against most sides this summer. He will, however, have been impressed by Lewis's dedication and by the determined attitude of his team, even against a bunch of unseasoned undergraduates.

If Lewis could move counties more often, he probably would. Centuries on debuts are his speciality. Yesterday, he improved on the hundred he made for Essex in his first first-class match by scoring an unbeaten double-century from only 201 balls against an Oxford attack, which although even more inexperienced than usual, stuck to its task pretty

By the time he was finished, Lewis had also achieved the highest individual score for Durham in first-class cricket (a distinction previously held by John Morris with 204 against Warwickshire in the match in which Lara made his

tion and a maiden century a former bodyguard to the



Lewis, in commanding form in his first match for Durham, drives one of his 31 fours in an unbeaten 210

from Collingwood, Boon had more than enough runs on the board to give Oxford an hour and a quarter at the crease. The outcome was dire. Betts. from the pavilion end, and Brown proved too much for hesitant batting on a pitch made for runs.

Now Oxford's inexperience really showed. Their only survivor from last year's university match is their captain, Oi). Mark Wagh, and he is in-What with Lewis's contribu-jured. While Nigel Laughton,

Queen and stalwart of the Black Watch, had been able to marshal his forces in the field. there was nothing he could do as the batting crumbled. He resisted for half an hour.

but was out shortly before the end. Betts had by then taken four wickets for 15 runs. He had been admirably supported by Speight, back behind the stumps, and sale catching in the close positions. Now it was a different game, played at an altogether faster pace, and

#### SCOREBOARD FROM THE PARKS

JJB Lewis not out	21
P D Collingwood b Pate	i 2 10
J E Morris flow b Patel	
N J Speak not out	
Extras (fb 1, rib 16)	1
Total (2 wids dec)	
*D C Boon, tM P Spek	sht. M M Betts.
Bolling, D.M. Cox, N.K.	Neen and S J
Brown did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2	90, 2-322.
BOWLING: Patel 24-2-1;	24-2: Averls 14-1
59-0; Mather 23-2-102-0	: Byrne 8-0-52-0
Hudson 2-0-15-0.	
OXFORD UNIVERSIT	V: Carl Indian
R D Hudson c Speight I	: Brown

C G R Lightfoot c Collingwood N E F Laughton low b Killeen ...... Extras (b 4, fb 3) ........ Total (6 wids) tA P Scrini, J M M Averts and D P Mather

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-1, 4-10, 5-21, 6-35.

### Smith stands alone in changing times who made a century on his

He is a front-footed bats-

man, which means that he is

first-class debut last year.

FENNER'S (first day of three: Cambridge University won toss): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand. are 80 runs behind Cambridge University

CRICKET, as Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, emphasised this week, is changing rapidly. Somehow, for all the modernity of the buildings beyond the square-leg boundary, Fenner's might have been expected to be exempt from a world, and a game, that hurries along. But that was not the case, even on the first day of the season.

Cambridge University won the toss and, eschewing custom, did not invite their visitors to bat. That was not the

way in Michael Atherton's time as captain here. So, instead of having some earlyseason batting practice, Der-byshire found themselves in the field on a chilly, overcast morning. The kind of morn-ing, indeed, on which the likes of Malcolm and DeFreitas could easily have pulled a muscle.

Ultimately, though, little to nave chang Cambridge were bowled out relatively cheaply and Malcolm was expensive. If that sounds unkind to both, it should be added that there was one excellent innings and that the fast bowling, such as was attempted in these conditions, was not erratic. DeFreitas, having had his first winter away from the game in 12 years, bowled more overs than anyone and took the

wickets of the first three batsmen.

Derbyshire swiftly made

runs after tea, not least because Jones opted to open the innings and struck a halfcentury off 69 balls. Ouite the most impressive innings of the day, though, was played by Smith, the Cambridge opener,

well-suited to the square at Fenner's and, for that matter, some of the pitches in Kent, end of term.

the county he will rejoin at the Adept at working the ball

#### SCOREBOARD FROM FENNER'S

J Ratiedge c Heyhurst b DeFreitas E T Smith c Krikken b DeFreitas 'A Singh low to DeFreitas .... W J House libw b Hayhurst . . R O Jones c Adams b Clarke Hughes c Adams b Clarke DRH Churton low b Dean WO Freeth not out Extras (No 2, no 2) . Total 195
FALL OF WICKETS, 1-25, 2-39, 3-70, 4-112, 5-134, 6-136, 7-136, 8-183, 9-192
BOWLING: Malcolm 14 4-1-59-1

DeFretas 17-3-53-3; Dean 9-2-22-1; Hayhurst 4-1-12-1; Clarke 16-4-47-3. DERBYSHIRE: First innings Total (1 wkt) .......

A. N. Haythurst, tK. M. Knikken, P. A. J. DeFreitas, M. J. Vandrau, V. P. Clarke, G. M. Roberts, K. J. Dean and D. E. Malcolm to bal. FALL OF WICKET: 1-102. BOWLING: P S Jones 12-2-29-0; How 5-0-27-0; Dawson 9-0-16-0; Freeth 6-1-29-1 Umpres R Julian and M R Benson.

away on either side of the wicket, Smith bats in the correct fashion expected of one who learnt the game on The Head at Tonbridge. Out of an innings of 195, in which the next top score was 28 by a tailender, Smith made 85 off 126 balls, with 13 fours.

Derbyshire were nothing if not enthusiastic in the field, but then so they should be ance. Hayhurst and Clarke took wickets on their debuts, the latter gaining plenty of turn with his leg breaks.

Adams, whatever his desires to move elsewhere, held the kind of slip catch that stings the hands at the start of the season. All this before the customary line-up of Thermos flasks and squash bottles that no amount of innovation in the game will ever alter.

#### FATHER AND SON FOURSOMES GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Gratifying Ale.

Brewed by Morland of

Abingdon, Est d. 1711.

Af West Hill GC

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N Gibert (Burhil) 1 hole: D H and M Baster
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and M Former (Royal Eastbourne and
North Harst) bit G and J Fletcher (Fopsis S
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Landle (Borkshre) 5 and 4.

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(Stoke Poyes and Electrorough) 5 and 4
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Ashdowel) bit P G C and J Safer
(Sinchcombe) 3 and 2 T G A and J
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(Tandhidge) 2 and T. M.M. and P. Lawson (Stoneham and Hockley) bt D.G. and A. Arundale (High Post) 20th hole

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and D State (Royal North Devon and London Scottish) 1 hole: G F and H Keevs (Woley and RAC) bt Drs J J S and A Chesser (Walton Heath) 3 and 2. J R and R Pound (Woople-don) bt T E and E Clarton (Weetham) 1 hole, S H E and C Staveley (Harsdardon) bt A W and G Morroon (Chegwell 2 holes; S R and C Strading (Ryre and Worplesdon) bt MV and R Scawn (Warredon) 1 hole, S G and J Morgan (Warredon) 1 hole, S G and J Morgan (Wascy and Windlecham) bt Dr R A and L Water (Hadley Wood) 3 and 2. T W G and R Betts (Marnings Heath) bt H A and T Matter West Sussent 4 and 2.

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bt S R and R Warnn (Pinner Hill) 3 and 1, P
JR and A Bathurst (Hankley Common) bt R
M and M Macphesson (NZ and Hockley)
19th hole, G L and G Bracthury (Burhal) bt D
M and W Laing (West Sussess and The
Dike) 6 and 5 E M and E Saksbury
(Shonkin and koperas) bt J A and R Piggott
(Liftichampton and Pervale) 3 and 2
B E and M Joseph (Glamorganshrie) bt
O and R Logan (Hankley Common) 2
holes, T L and W Barday (Bractlerd and
Royal Wimbledon) bt A and J Spansow
(Lythom Green Drive) 1 hole, D P and A
Horne (Royal Porthcaw and Boarshed) bt J
A S and R G@ (Weglescotn) 4 and 3, R W
and L Birkey (Tandridge) 5 and 4, A C and J
Stapiction (Gerrards Gross) bt P G and M
Comuch (West Hill and Bertchare) 2 holes,
D F R and A Lord (Northeamptonsher) bt G
E and A Touchevin (Pinner Hill and Dunbar)
2 and 1: A S and R Lloyd (Royal St
George's) bt C and A Taylor (Lullenham
Heath and Burghloy Pk) 5 and 3

#### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 53 QUOTIDIAN

BUCENTAUR

(b) Everyday, recurring daily, ordinary, commonplace. Can be used as a noun, meaning a daily allowance or allotment. "Have you had your quotidian yet?" Diurnal in one of its senses means the same. But, in another means, "by day" as distinct from "by night". So it is not necessarily a solecism to speak of a diurnal meaning and the same of the property of the same o quotidian. To speak of a nocturnal quotidian might be quite

(c) The state barge of Venice, formerly used during the annual

marriage of Venice with the Adriatic. This ceremony was meant to establish and maintain the true and perpetual dominion of Venice over the Adriatic, which in turn was to be subject to Venice as a bride was to her husband. The male chauvinist swinery implicit in this is reaping its just reward, as the Adriatic comes closer to drowning Venice once and for all. The Fathers of the State are now looking for a suitable barge in which to obtain a diverce

obtain a divorce. DEBLATERATE (c) To babble, to chatter nonsensically but self-importantly, as at Human Resources Consultative Meetings.

(c) Mean, nasty and contemptible. "I will let Terence speak for himself. Then you will all see how uniquely and overwhelmingly

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Q17+! Rxf7 2 Rxf7+ Kh8 3 Bd4+ Bfb (3 ... Nf6 4 Rxf6 wins) 4 Rxf6! and Black has no good defence to the threat of discovered checkmate, e.g. 4 ... Ng7 5 Rt7 Qc5 6 Btc5 and White wins easily on material.

TELEVISION CHOICE

## You are feeling very sleepy...

As if mindful of critics who see something sinister in using hypnotism for mass entertainment. McKenna goes out of his way to present it as harmless fun. His show involves members of the public to do silly things. A young woman is approached by a genie (easily recognisable as snooker's John Virgo) to make three wishes. McKenna has cheekily programmed her to say toilet roll, toilet roll and toilet roll. A male contestant is persuaded that a household mop is a beautiful woman and he proceeds to kiss it and ask it for a date. Apart from giving us the chance to laugh at other people making idiots of themselves, rather in the manner of Noel's House Party, this is an innocuous show. In slightly more serious vein McKenna hynotises two celebrities into overcoming their phobias.

Modern Times: Jurors BBC2. 9.00pm

For those whose jury service has meant only a tedious trawl through petty theft, Nick Read's film will be an unsettling eye-opener. Admittedly his five jurors all experienced the extremes of the job. Inve jurors all experienced the extremes of the job. All sat on gruesome murder cases, including the Yorkshire Ripper, a man accused of cutting a young mother's throat and a teenage boy charged with battering a three-year-old child. But even this will not prepare you for some of the testimonies. It was not just having to sit through distressing evidence, or feeling the burden of having to decide innocence or guilt. The cases followed the jurors for weeks afterwards. One woman returned from the weeks afterwards. One woman returned from the trial so afraid of being at home on her own that she would not open her front door. All the jurors say they were profoundly disturbed by the experience and complain that they were offered no help or support.

Heroes of Comedy: Les Dawson Channel 4, 9.00pm

Watching John Fisher's splendid tribute, you feel that with the passing of Les Dawson an entire comic tradition died with him. Today's comedians, as Jane Horrocks observes in this film, are about being clever. Dawson's comedy belonged to the

Comedian Les Dawson (C4, 9.00pm)

variety halls and, like his great inspirations, Frank Randle and Norman Evans, he drew his material from the hard lives of the industrial north. The humour was sardonic but never snide and it was rooted in the experiences of ordinary people. Even Dawson's mother-in-law jokes, politically incorrect as they now seem, were founded in truth. Many a young husband, unable to afford a place of his own, had to live with his wife's family and comparings the only way to cope with inquitable sometimes the only way to cope with inevitable friction was through jokes. Generous clips and shrewd analysis make up a model profile.

ER: The Long Way Round

Channel 4, 10.00pm The Chicago hospital drama departs from usual The Chicago hospital drama departs from usual practice by setting all but the last few minutes of this episode outside the emergency room. This allows Nurse Hathaway (Julianna Marguiles) to take centre stage, despite being suspended from duty. But it is not the sort of spotlight she would wish. The Scottish actor Ewan McGregor guests as one of two teenage cousins who hold up a grocery store short the proprietor and take the occupants one of two teenage cousins who hold up a grocery store, shoot the proprietor and take the occupants of the shop, including Hathaway, hostage. What follows is a standard siege scenario, but staged with all the expertise in writing and editing that you would expect from ER. The blood-letting may be overdone but there is relief in seeing how our nurse improvises medical aids from the household goods on sale in the shop.

Peter Waymark

radically different accounts of what it is they have

encountered. In this programme, the presenter Kim Normanton takes four blind people — a

woman who loves animals, a computer buff, a

piano tuner and an imaginative child - to meet

Dilberta the elephant at London Zoo. The range of

WORLD SERVICE

perceptions about the creature is quite nishing.

Peter Barnard

#### RADIO CHOICE

Touching the Elephant, Radio 4. 8.35pm The Coroner, Radio 4, 7.20pm There are plenty of scientific versions of those games children (and some adults) play in which they have identify objects and even living creatures while blindfolded. Such experiments can teach a lot about perception but of course to be blindfolded is very different to being blind. A Hindu myth tells of six blind men who meet an elephant and give six endicably different accounts of what it is they have

This is proving an excellent series which, in some quarters, is being cited as having something to teach television about getting to the detail of sudden death without being intrusive. That is not a fair comparison, for watching a tragedy will be always seem more intrusive than hearing about it. But The Coroner eavesdrops in a tender way, not least tonight in the case of a boy killed in a road accident. Cate Foster, an investigator for the West Yorkshire Coroner's Office, once again demonstrates that she has remarkable skills as a social worker and carer. Today's story is a classic illustration of how an innocent sequence of events an end in tragedy and produce unwarranted

RADIO 1

7,00am Mark Raddiffe, includes 7,30 Newsbeat 9,00 Simon Mayo 12,00 Jo Whiley 2,00pm Nicky Campbell 4,00 Kevin Greening 8,15 Newsbeat 6,30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8,30 Global Update 8,40 John Peel 10,30 Mary Anne

RADIO 2

6.00um Serah Kennedy 7.30 Weke Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbre Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Bernackough 8.00 Jim Lloyd 9.00 Fairport Convention — the First 30 Years 9.30 As Time Goes Byby Bob Larbey 10.00 Explorer II 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Medden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12,00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five Singleton 7.20 Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Eventon v Liverpool, Newcastle v Chelsea and Wimbledon v Leeds. including the results of the National Lottery draw 10.00 Dominik

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ress 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Torntry Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Ja

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.30 World Today 5.15 Cherl 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 World Bosiness Report 10.15 Farming World 10.30 Science File 10.45 Sp08 11.30 Che Planet 12.30pm Sports International 1.05 World Business 1.15 Bittain Today 1.30 Science Update 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 performence 4.30 Everywoman 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.30 From Our Own Correspondent 6.45 Sport 7.30 The Works 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Onrobus 3.30 Meridian Books 4.30 Europe Today CLASSIC FM

4.00em Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Bection '97 1.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Haydn (Sinfonia concertante in Bo major); Lezt (Piano Concerto, No 2 in A major) 3.00 Jemie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsnight with John Bruming 7.30 Sonata. Debussy (Violin Sonata) 8.00 Evening Concert. Telemann (Darmstadt Overture); Bach (Concerto for Keyboard and Orchestra in D minor); Purcell (Music from The Pronhetess): Rameau (Pieces de Clavecin en Concert) 10,00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Fornest 2.00em Randal Lee Rose

Villanesca); Grainger (Soldier, Soldier); Debussy

trombone, Hakan Hardenberger, trumpet, includes Birtwistle (Refrains and Choruses); Folke Rabe (Tintomara): Jan Sandstrom (Cantos de la

(Trois Chansons de Charles d'Orleans); Pleyel (Symphony in C, Dp 66)

Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, under Elgar Howarth With Christian Lindberg.

### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Fayrtax (Meria Plena Virtute), Bax (Violin Concerto); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue); Vlotti (Violin Concerto No 22 in A minor); Scheidt (Canzona Super Cantionem Gallicam); Galliarda (La Battaglia); Tippett (Concerto for the double stringer) orchestra).

stringed orchestra)
Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes
Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat): Loewe (Der Nock): 9.00 Morring Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat): Loewe (Der Nock); Foerster (Strakespeare Sutia, Op 76)
 10.00 Musical Ecounters, with Chris de Souza, Includes Bach (Sonala in D minor), Brahms (Schicksalsied), Britten (Cello Sonata); Howells (Credo); Schumann (Arabecke, Op 18);

Maskovsky (Cello Concerto)
Composers of the Week: Forgotten Glants of 18th-Century Opera. The Divine Pergolesi Paul 12.00 Co Guinery introduces music by the most popular of the week's composer includes areas from II Maestro di Musica and Lo Frate Innamorato

1.00pm Concert Hall. Live Irom the Wigmore Hall,
London Sorrel Quartet Includes Hadny (String
Quartet in D, Op 71 No 2); Elgar (String Quartet in
E minor)

E minor) Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe Includes Schumann (The Two Grenadiers); Strauss Panathenaenzug), Mozart, arranon (Grande Sessotto Concertunte, K364)

4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from the Chapel of Clare College, Cambridge

5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson and Will Menter

discuss how music changes when one culture borrows from another Menter plays some of his hocketing muse for his own slate marimba and for Airican thumb piano 5.15 in Tune, with Andrew Green. Includes Granados

(Tintomara): Jan Sandstrom (Cantos de la Mancha); Karin Rohnqvist (Taromir's Time); Britvistle (Endless Parade)

9.10 Amours de Voyage. Tom Paulin introduces the third part of Arthur Hugh Clough's verse novel. Claude decides to follow Mary to Florence. Read by Nicholas Boulton and Samantha Bond (3/5)

9.30 From Transylvania and Beyond. A sequence of lute music played by Julian Bream and Luciano Contini. Includes Baint Baldark (A Fantasia); Giovanni Zamboni (Sonata VI)

10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a piano recital by Kevin Kenner Chopin (Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 45; Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44; Waltz In A Itat), Scherzo (No 3 in C sharp minor, Op 39; Noctume in B. Op 62 No 1; Four Mazurkas, Op 67)

Mazurkas, Op 67)

10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpanter examines some of the lesser-known but still remarkable works of Mark Twain through the volumes of Shelley Fisher Fishkin's major new edition The

.30 Composer of the Week: Rozsa (r)

.30 Composer of the Week: Rozsa (r)

.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces the second part of a concert at the Adrian Boult Hall given as part of Birmingham Jazz's 20th anniversary am Through the Night, with Donald Madeod. includes at 5.00am Sequence

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Breling 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Election Call 0345 514 614. Peter Sissons puls your questions to the Deputy Prime

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10.00 News; Taking the Vell (FM). The audio diary
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10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, Bob Flowerdew, Negel Colborn and Gooffrey Smith answer questions posed by the slaff and the readers of the Worcester Everang Naws (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Imperial Palace. Amold Bennott's novel, dramatised by Peter Ling. There is a takeover threat to the hotel. With Robin Ellis and Derek Warng (2/4) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
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2.00 News; My Way: Sld Victous, by Sue Teddem A
woman is reminded of her punk past by an

unkempl visitor. With Gillan Bevan and Charles Simpson (r) 2.45 Treasure Islands, Julia Eccleshare looks at modern retellings of myths and legends. Are classical heroes such as Odyssous, King Arthur

and Anans still relevant?

3.00 News; The Alternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan,
Anna MacNampe meets Jackie Stowart and his
son Paul, who have joined forces to run a Formula

One racing team 4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees The Sant starring Val Kilmer as Simon Templar

and reviews Woody Allen's new musical Everyone Says I Love You Says I Love You

4.45 Short Story: The Labour in Vain, by Marika
Cobbold. A woman's saintly behaviour hides an
ulterior motive. Read by Cathy Sara

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of British. Robert
Robinson presents the first London and Home
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Coroner. See Choice
8.05 Music under Dictatorships. Michael Oliver
Investigates the impact on music and musical life
of some 20th-century regimes. This week, the
effects Stalin and the other communist dictators
had on the Soviet Linea (2/4)

effects Stalin and the other communist dictators had on the Soviet Union (2/4)
8.35 Touching the Elephant. See Choice
9,00 Costing the Earth, Mark Whittaker looks at patenting laws in the light of growing concern over line patenting of genetic forms. Can an equitable protective legal tramswork be produced? (4/8)
9.30 Kateldoscope (1) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Between, by
LP. Hartley, Read by John Rowe (1) (8/10)
11.00 The Skivers. The cornedy sketch show with Nick Golson, Tim de Jongh, Peter Bradshaw and Philip Thomas (1)

11.30 Doon Your Way. More off-beat comedy with Doon Mackichan. Pam Ferris and Alistan McGowan. Last in the series (f)
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## All are casualties in the battle of the sexes

re you sitting comfortably? A Then you can't have watched last night's Witness: Men Who Pay for Sex (Channel 4). Either that or you're female, in which case you're probably sitting contemptuously already, so I'd better get on with it. John Fothergill's film was laced with statistics. based, we were told. on interviews with 250 men who use ("visit" appears to be the accepted but frankly misleading euphemism) prostitutes. From this we learnt that more than half the men were married or in a longterm relationship, and that one in five thought that paying for sex was probably the only way they would get any. What the statistics did not tell us, however, was what

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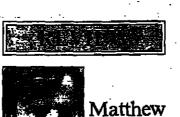
pline and 15 minutes of television fame"? Or had he crawled slowly along in his car muttering "Channel 4. Channel 4" and picked up the first six punters who thought this might be a new sexual act? We shall never know.

Of the six, four conformed to the received prejudice that men who pay for it are sad, old . . . whatever your preferred term of abuse. Their excuses included impotence, loneliness, addiction and social inadequacy, the latter being the most polite way of describing the personal skills of the ageing DJ whose idea of a chat up-line was: "How about you and me go home for a one-on-one?" It was shortly after this confession that the statistic about one in five having no option but to pay for sex was flashed up. Of the other two, one was simply

the sort of young man who experience tells us not always to believe. "I do see myself as a ladies' man,"

said Wayne. "But none of my mates do." Shrewd judges, mates. But it was Bill who had the most explaining to do. He was the only one of our six who was not only married but "happily married" and whose wife apparently knew all about his regular visits to a prostitute called Joy. "Sex and making love are two different things," he explained. "I have sex with Joy, but I make love to my wife." How I wished the cameras had been there when he first explained that to Mrs Bill. Sadly, we never heard from her or from the six former wives that the others had run up between them.

aving persuaded his subjects to speak out, Fothergill deserves praise for not following the current fashion of subsequently making fools of them in the edit suite. The format was straightforward, with the confessions delivered straight



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to camera. Occasionally, as the stories about Green Park, Paddington and Amsterdam continued, another shot of the subject would be substituted - standing silently by the kitchen sink, on the stairs, by a fireplace, Look, we're just ordinary men, the images shouted. A little too loudly.

Two of the men had had their

lives all but destroyed by their habit. One spoke in the hushed

tones of the therapy group as he recalled pawning his wedding ring to pay for just one more outing to Amsterdam. The other, an elderly former RAF officer who earlier had banged on unrepentantly about his high sex drive, recounted what happened after his second wife discovered his visits to Vivienne. She stopped eating, became anorexic and eventually succumbed to pneumonia, "I-feel very guilty, "admitted Lesley. "If it were possible to put it right I would and making this pro-gramme will probably help in that respect." Somehow, I doubt it.

A more effective cure for any man suffering from an excessive sex drive would have been to walk into the Queen Vic last night. The women of Albert Square at play is nothing if not a shrivelling sight. Dot Cotton may not have made it yet, but in an epic week for EastEnders (BBCl), Bianca's hennight had finally arrived.

As they washed down the eye of newt and toe of frog nibbles with champagne (which as all East-Enders know is the best lager you can buy) and the Spencer Brothers' novelty balloon act, the talk among the Walford witch . . . women inevitably turned to men. It was not good, chaps, definitely not good.

y colleague, Lynne Truss, pointed out yes-terday that Bianca's words about a quiet night in being better than ending up "tied to a lamppost in Scotland" were ominous. But nothing like as ominous as two sentences uttered on Ricky's stag night last night. The first was Phil's: "I ain't drinking, am 1?", closely followed by their new, armwrestling friend's confession that he worked on the cross-channel ferries: "Dover-Calais crossing". Sure as eggs are oeufs, Grant, Nigel, Ricky and a very drunk Phil "s'awright, he knows wot'eez

doin' were last seen heading to the ferry port. What larks, eh?

I think it was Carol who said that the way to a man's heart was his stomach and Blossom, perhaps, who thought that was a bit high. On second thoughts, it makes rather more sense the other way around. But whichever it was, they were proved absolutely right by the second instalment of Murder One (BBC2). The new man at Hoffman Associates, James Wyler (Anthony LaPaglia) was finding it impossible to get through a meal with anybody, but the first merry widow to wiggle her well upholstered wallet ... and hey, look who's staying for breakfast.

In his defence it must be said that widows do not come much merrier than Caroline Van Allen (Romy Walthall) and that he had taken the precaution of falling out with his previous girlfriend, the equally beautiful Laura (Jessica Tuck), first. Over lunch, naturally.

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

6.00am Business Breakfast (71697) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70679516) 9.05 Election Call Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine answers questions Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (9378887)

10.00 Style Challenge (21887) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (91245) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4558351) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (9928142) 11.35 Change That (6422516) 12.00 News (T) and weather (4232719)

12.05pm Cell My Bluff (5884448) 12.35 Good Living (9615719) 1.00 News (T) and weather (68806) 1.30 Regional News (T) (50245603) 1.45 The Weather Show (39663210)

1.56 Neighbours (T) (22670158) 2.15 Quincy (r) (3605871) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (1413)

3.30 Playdays (r) (6920429) 3.50 Monster Cate (r) (6081535) 4.05 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (9908351) 4.10 Gadget Boy (8010719) 4.35 Out of Tune (r) (7342719) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5920968) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (4087069) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (863581)

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7.30 Tomorrow's World A French doctor ploneering a new heart-valve operation which could change the face of surgery torever, and the Army's innovative way of getting across rivers (T) (871)

8.00 National Lottery Live (1) (458429) 8.10 Ballykissangel The first episode of the comedy-drama about an English priest in Tompkinson, Dervia Kirwan and Tony

Doyle (r) (T) (892351) 9.00 News (T) and weather (812061) 9.50 Party Election Broadcast By the Conservative Party (691413)

9.59 National Lottery Update (772332) 10.00 They Think It's All Over Boxing champion Steve Collins and Caroline Quentin join regulars David Gower, Gary Lineker, Lee Hurst and Rory McGrath for another round of the comedy sports quiz, hosted by Nick Hancock (T) (10326)

10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Football: Highlights of Everton v Liverpool from Goodison Park, the 153rd Merseyside derby. Plus, the key moments from the rest of tonight's FA Premiership games. Boxing: Robert McCracken defends his Commonwealth middleweight title (59279332)

12.10am Stranger WithIn (1990) with Rick Schroder, Kate Jackson and Chris Sarandon, A mysterious teenager arrives long-lost son. She accepts him not knowing that there are some startling ress up at Cl secrets in his past. Directed by Tom Holland (T) (563833) 1,45-1.50 Weather (5110291)

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BBC2 6.00am O.U.: Hidden Power (2262429) 6.25 A Robot in the Parlour? (2274264) 6.50
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Alison Jolly, Jemur expert (7.00pm)

7.00 Seven Wonders of the World Leading primatologist, Alison Jolly chooses he personal seven wonders (T) (7264) 7.30 Black Britzin The first black professional

footballer, Arthur Wharton (T) (413) 8.00 University Challenge Open University v Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (T)

8.30 Home Front Transforming two bedrooms for teenagers (T) (2719) 9,00 Modern Times: Jurors Insight into the traumas

suffered by jurors (T) (810603) 9.50 A Woman Called Smith The rural tale of Frances Smith's fall from high society to subsisting on her tarm in Kent following her husband's redundancy from his stock market job (1) (699055) 10.00 Airport (r) (1) (18968) 10.30 Election Broadcast: Co

Broadcast: Conservative (1) (757264) 10.35 Newsnight (T) (772790) 11.30 Rock Family Trees: New Mersey Beat (r) (817142)

Weather (3165475) 12.30-6.00 Learning Zone: Chemistry of Survival (97901) 1.00 Chemistry of Power (31098) 1.30 Chemistry of Life and Death (78017) 2.00 Anglo-Saxons (87833) 4.00 BBC Focus (46901) 4.30 Unicef in the Classroom (45291) 5.00 Basic Skills (1/3)(90253) 5.30 Voluntary Matters

6.00am GMTV (6556264) 9.25 Chain Letters (T) (3495887) 9.55 Regional news (T) (2517974)

10.00 The Time, the Place (43055) 10.30 This Morning (T) (61977535) 12.20pm Regional News (4221603)

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5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (1) (1468887) 5.40 News (T) and weather (119887) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (880784) 6.25 HTV Weather (862993) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (599559) 6.50 Election Broadcast: Conservative

Party (1) (542887) 7.00 Emmerdale Andy resorts to violence, while Rachel is plagued by unwelcome visitors (T) (4790)

7.30 Coronation Street Don reaches breaking point (T) (239) .



Paul McKenna (8.00pm)

8.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenne Celebrity guests queue up to have their lears and phobias cured in this special (T) (8603) 9,00 The Fugitive (1993) with Harrison Ford

and Tommy Lee Jones, Big-screen ver-sion of the classic 1960s series about a sely accused of murdering his wife and forced to go on the run while trying to prove his innocence. Directed by Andrew Davis. Continues after the News (T) (2239)

10.00 News (T) and weather (37662) 10,30 Regional news (T) (474429) 10.40 FILM: The Fugitive Conclusion of tonight's film (1) (4019852)

12.10am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (5163794) 12 40 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (6224543)1.05 Ladyhawke (1985) with Matthey

Broderick, Rutger Hauer and Michelle Pteitler. Medieval fantasy adventure about a black-clad knight and his mistress, the victims of a curse which prevents them from meeting as humans. Directed by Richard Donner (83386814) 3.20 Sound Bites (54441746) 3.35 Not Fade Away (r) (2538494) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (49017) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (27307) 5.30 News (48123)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9619535) 5.10-5,40 Shortland Street (1468887) 6.25-6.50 Central News (964210)

12.10am The Match — Highflights: Coca Cola Cup Final Replay (9722017) 1.10 Dating the Enemy (8767384) 2.10 Funky Bunker (5953253) 3.10 The Chart Show (4440765)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (2913158) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (70685158)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1468887) 6.00 Westcountry Live (447719) 6.55-7.00 PEB (817603) 1.10am Movie Club (7387833)

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12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9619535) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1468387) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (844891) 6.20-6.50 Doing It Up (962332)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (58429) 9.00 Bewitched (15871) 9.30 Film: I'll Be Seeing You (15852) 11.00 Tintin (9004516) 11.25 Mighty Mouse (4551448)

11.35 Extreme (3107993) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (35177) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (33996054) 1.15 Lisabeth (38946559)

1.30 Collectors' Lot (34448) 2.00 Racing from Newmarket (2852) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (968) 4.30 Mrs Cohen's Money (852) 5.00 5 Pump (6863413)

5.15 Ffell (5925413) 5.30 Countdown (332) 6.00 Newyddion (404413) 6.05 Heno (964790)

6.35 Bob Yn Ddau (773055) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (191531) 7.25 Ffermio (356448) 8.00 Phwoar! (5852)

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11.50 Party Election Broadcast (494603) 11.55 Animation (870974) 12.05am Midnight Special (9390814) 1.35 Under the Moon (80350825)

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (60535) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (58429) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (15871)

9.30 Fil Be Seeing You (1944, b/w) with Joseph Cotten, Griger Rogers and Shirley Temple. A drama about a shell-shocked soldier who falls in love with a woman with a past. Directed by William Dieterle (15852)

11.00 Timbin (r) (9004516) 11.25 Mighty Mouse (4551448) 11.35 Extreme (r) (T) (3107993) 12.30pm Light Lunch (38993) 1.30 Australia Wild (r) (34448)

2.00 Racing from Newmarket Brough Scott introduces five coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 3.40 races (2852) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (968) 4.30 Countdown (T) (852) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (6968) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (332)

6.00 Party of Five (T) (713264) 6.50 Fresh Pop (540429) 7,00 Channel 4 News (T) (642142)

7,50 Thatcher's Children First-time voters discuss election issues (T) (677852) 8.00 Brookside Mick has bad news for the Corkhills; can Gladys keep up her brave

too soon? (T) (5852) 6.30 An Inspector Calls: Parking Patrol A look at the work of a group of Manchester traffic wardens. Among them is David Racian, who has been in the job for 25 years and enjoys pounding the streets so much that he demoted himself and took a pay cut (1) (7887)

tace?; and is Susannah trying too much

Heroes of Comedy: Les Dawson A four-part celebration of the legends of British comedy, beginning with a tribute to the late comedian (1/4) (1) (3581)



McGregor and Marguties (10.00pm)

ER The staff are standing by for any of the injured involved in a nearby hostage-taking incident. With Ewan McGregor and Julianna Margulies

11.00 Friends: The One Where Ross and Rachel...You Know Monica is attracted to a handsome doctor who happens to be an old friend of the family and old enough to be her father. The actor Tom Selleck makes a quest appearance (r) (T) (8784) 11,30 Party Election Broadcast

Conservative Party (318239) 11.35 Roseanne: Hit the Road Jack Dan prepares to leave Roseanne and return to Calliornia, leaving her to wallow in junk tood (T) (614245)

12.05am Midnight Special Discussion series (9390814) 1.35 Under the Moon Sports magazine. Includes NBA XXI., High Five and Naked

Sport: Be Like Mike (80350825) 5.35 Backdate (r) (T) (5019814)

### CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News Early (7615784) 7.30 Havakazoo (2735142) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patro

8.30 Wideworld: State of the Union Stephen Cole reviews the Reagan years (2352142)

9.00 Espresso (5425993) 10,00 Exclusive (r) (6660142) 10.30 Fame and Fortune: Ivana Trump (f)

11.00 Leeza (9665790) 11.50 Double Espresso (r) (45239535)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful The day of Ridge's wedding arrives, but will the ceremony take place? (T) (2436158) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9310974)

1.00 5 News Update (92260210) 1.05 Sumset Beach Gregory buys the pictures of Olivia throwing a gun into the ocean Vanessa is accosted by thugs (T) (6362784)

2.00 5's Company (8425069)



Marie Osmond stars (3.30pm)

3.30 Side by Side (1982) with Mane Osmond, Joseph Bottoms and Amy Osmond. The Mistory of Olive and George Osmand parents of the musical Osmond family. Directed by Russ Mayberry (4240413)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14200719) 5.30 100 Per Cent Quiz (1382177) 6.00 Whittle Quiz (1) (1372790) 6.30 Family Affairs Chris upsets Angus when

he lets slip Sally's secret plans. Ducan receives an ultimatum (1) (1290142)

7.00 Exclusive Gossip (1117326) 7.30 Waterland: Valley Beneath the Sea The rich and varied habitets supported by the river Fal in Comwall (T) (7497852)

7.50 Party Election Broadcast: The Conservative Party (5848887) 8.00 The Great Garden Game From the

Mount Stewart Gardens, Co Down, This week's task is to rip out and replant hedges in three hours (1) (1299974) 8.30 5 News (1105581) 9.00 A Storning in Fullham County (1988) with Ken Olln, Jill Eikenberry and Ron Perlman. Drama centring on the religious dilemma facing an Amish family after their

eight-month-old baby is killed by four focal teenagers. Directed by Larry Elikann (32900993)

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Middlesbrough face test of character

# Replay drives Robson to distraction

By David Maddock

HAVING suffered the anguish of conceding a goal late in extra time on successive Sundays. Middlesbrough must raise themselves for a third time tonight as they seek to offset a relegation battle with the silverware that the club has craved for 121 years.

Middlesbrough enjoyed their day out at Wembley, although their thoughts are now seemingly dominated by a chaotic end-of-season programme in which much larger issues are at stake than the Coca-Cola Cup final replay against Leicester City.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, did not exactly say as much yesterday, but he dwelt for a considerably longer period on the perceived injustice of not extending the season than he did on his side's prospects at Hillsborough. The hectic schedule that his side must endure, he said, means that the FA Carling Premiership game against Sunderland on Saturday assumes far more significance, given its influence over the relegation issue, than even the prospect of lifting Middles-brough's first significant

"I have told the players that, even if we beat Leicester, there will be no celebrations," Robson said. "We cannot have a drink in the dressing-room afterwards because the game against Sunderland is so important. Clearly. our main priority is to stay in the Premiership, and we have to be ready for that match. Whichever side wins [on Saturday) will help themselves

immensely at the bottom." Robson is not amused by the Premier League's announcebe extended to accommodate two semi-final replays, which have increased the number of games that Middlesbrough will be forced to play over the field on Sunday. "He looked

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next three weeks. They may have to play as many as ten. including a daunting last week of four matches. It is a sobering prospect that such an important issue as relegation from the Premiership, and the loss of attendant riches, can be decided by games against Aston Villa.

Manchester United, Black-burn Rovers and Leeds United within nine days. No wonder that Robson was less than occupied with the Coca-Cola Premiership have

ing to budge," he said. "It is ridiculous. How are we ex-Kaamark makes mark ... 52

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made it clear they are unwill-

to compete fairly against the other teams at the bottom of the table with all those matches? I remember the same thing happening at Manchester United, when we had to play four games in eight days at the end of the season when we were going

for the title. The fact that we had to play so many games

cost us the championship." Given such an exhausting programme, it would be tempting to dismiss Middlesbrough's prospects this season, especially after comments that he needed a rest. Robson, though, pointed to the Italian's performance in the FA Cup semi-final against Chester

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LEICESTER CITY

Leicester have no such diversions and will be hoping to capitalise on any exhaustion in the opposition camp. They are virtually clear of all relegation worries and victory tonight would crown a season that has already exceeded even the most optimistic expectations. Leicester were favourites to

only denied a possible place in the FA Cup quarter-finals by a controversial refereeing decision. They will also hope for at least mid-table respectabil-ity in the Premiership. This is English football, though, and therefore even such a success story must still have its disruptions. It comes in the form of Pontus Kaamark, the manmarker whose enthusiasm in suppressing Juninho at Wembley did so much towards

For all his ability in the role, Kaamark professed this week his distaste at performing such a task. That did not go down well with Martin O'Neill, the passionate and articulate Leicester manager, who responded to such insubordination with some acid. "Oh really," he replied when hearing of Kaamark's objections. "Well, maybe he won't have to do that job, because he might not be playing."

earning his side a replay.

unchanged from the first match. Middlesbrough will wait on the fitness of Mark Schwarzer, their Australian goalkeeper, and Robson must choose between Kinder, who was dismissed on Sunday. and Fleming. A repeat of the closeness of the initial contest at Wembley is likely, but Leicester may prevail this

Robson said.

go down but instead have reached one final and were



Perfect weather greeted the start of the new season in the Parks, where the Durham opening batsmen were full of the joys of spring

## Test captains complaining of overwork

Test and one-day internation-

als, added: "The injury be-

came quite bad in the recent

Sharjah Cup tournament.

The only cure is rest. I can neither bowl nor bat. I am

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Sri Lanka captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, and his Pakistan counterpart, Wasim Akram, joined forces yesterday to call for a reduction in the number of matches on the international calendar.

Akram also proposed a longer break between one-day internationals to allow players adequate rest, rather than scheduling matches in quick succession to please spectators and sponsors.

"We are also human beings," he said shortly after

arriving in Colombo for a two-Test series with Sri Lanka. Ranatunga said he would support a cutback in the programme when the Test

a meeting arranged by the International Cricket Council. While members of his squad practised at a local club ground, Akram said that he was doubtful for the first Test, which starts on Saturday. "My bowling arm is not 100 per cent," he said. "The liga-

taking my time to see if it improves, but my chances are quite remote." Although Sri Lanka beat Pakistan in Sharjah, Akram said that he was confident of winning the Test matches. "I think we have the better fiveday side and our fielding is ments have been weakened by playing too much cricket." Akram, the only player with

stronger," he said. Ranatunga admitted that

Test matches were a "different ball game" but added that Sri Lanka, as the holders of the World Cup, were not short of confidence, despite a disas-Zealand last month.

"That is all history now," Ramatunga said. "We are looking forward to doing well in the future. Pakistan have a good bowling line-up, but we have the batsmen to take care

Two of the Pakistan party, Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed. along with the coach, Mushtaq Mohammad, have

which opens today with a twoday game against a Sri Lanka Board XI that will be cap-tained by Marvan Atapattu

side, is one of the young Sri Lanka players who has impressed Akram. "I think they need some young blood," he said. "They need a couple more batsmer like Atapattu, who is a good player. Then they will be all

Asanka Gurusinha in the Test

Students struggle, page 54

## Gould has president's backing

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BOBBY GOULD'S position as the manager of Wales appears to be safe after he was given a vote of confidence by Brian Fear, the president of the Football Association of Wales (FAW), yesterday. Gould could even be offered an extension to his contract. which expires in December, that would take him up to the European championship finals in the year 2000.

Fear was responding to recent criticism of Gould, who was accused by Nathan Blake. the Wales and Bolton Wanderers striker, of making racist remarks to him. Though Gould vigorously denied the claims, many FAW councillors were privately angered that the association should have become embroiled in a dispute of such a delicate and controversial nature. Also, with Wales's group seven World Cup qualifying

as a possible opportunity to replace Gould, who took over in August 1995, and seek a successor to revive the Principality's fortunes. However, Fear has taken a more sympathetic view.

"Bobby has my backing and. I hope, [that of] the rest of the management committee."



Gould: under pressure

campaign having ended in he said yesterday. "I don't apparent failure, it was seen think his job is on the line, it's think his job is on the line, it's not in danger as far as I am concerned. Two years is not long enough to do the job and I think he should have at least another contract through to the European finals."

Gould has subsequently apologised to Blake for any misinterpretation of remarks that he made during the buildup to the game against Belgium in Cardiff last month, When Gould was handing out the coloured bibs for training, he told Blake that he was "in the blacks".

Blake complained to Neville Southall, the Everton goalkeeper and part-time Wales coach, and although Gould swiftly tried to resolve the issue. Blake declined the olive branch. It was only after the intervention of the Professional Footballers' Association that Blake eventually "acknowledged" Gould's apments about Nathan were not meant to be taken seriously." Fear said. "He has been involved with many coloured players during his career, as a manager and player." The seven members of the FAW management committee

met in emergency session in Wrexham yesterday to discuss the matter. Neither Gould nor Blake was asked to attend. A report was to be forwarded to the meeting of

the 26-strong general council today, at which the anti-Gould lobby is expected to make its feelings known. "It is the full council's decision that holds sway," David Collins, the FAW secretary-general, said. However, it is unlikely that

any action will be taken, at least before December. The FAW is not overburdened with funds and would not be keen to have to pay Gould for the remaining eight months of his

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Imin 20sec; all 46 other entrants have clocked Imin 10sec or faster. After tucking into burgers, chips and Coke, courtesy of The Times, the elite of Ugandan swimming faced a wait at the pool. They could not afford hotel accommodation so Benwa's aunt, who lives in

ager, said. Benwa added: "I think Walu Simbi is going to faint. We cannot change

day two of the four-day event, when he

attempts to improve his personal best

time for the 100 metres breaststroke of

our money and he needs his energy." Walu Simbi certainly will on Friday.

Gothenburg, had offered to put them up. "She doesn't come home from work

until five o'clock so we'll wait here - it's too cold to go out there anyway." Benwa. peering out at a few flakes of snow that had started to fall, said Meanwhile, the Ugandans were waiting for news of N'Fashinggabo's fate - and whether their team would double overnight,

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## Uganda's late arrivals test the water

ll was going swimmingly at the accreditation centre for the world A short-course championships here in Gothenburg until three bedraggled and hungry young Ugandans walked through the door and declared themselves ready for competition.

Led by Suleiman Benwa, health instructor, coach, manager, baggage-handler, chaperon and the keeper of a small purse of Ugandan currency, this small squad of aquatic interlopers was informed that sending official entry forms to compete in world championships was the accepted protocol.

Benwa, 25, explained that everything had been such a rush since their federation had given leave for them to represent Uganda, and British Airways had offered free flights to London, that there had been little time left to plan. While other teams have pysio-therapists, doctors, sports scientists, press Craig Lord meets a small squad with bedraggled

swimming aspirations

officers and nutritionists on board, Benwa explained: "I even had to bring my work clothes with me in a laundry bag because there was no time to go home after work on Saturday." The journey had begun badly, he said,

with the women's team, or rather Joy N'Fashinggabo, getting lost at Entebbe airport and failing to make the plane. Ismail Walu Simbi, 17, had made it but refused to eat anything throughout the 36-hour journey to Sweden, which involved several hours slumbering on seats at Heathrow.

"He just hasn't eaten a thing," Nicola Wanyana, Benwa's assistant team man-